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OFFICERS AND MEN IN HOTELS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. No regulation forbids British officers and men from dining together in clubs, hotels and restaurants.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Secretary for War, Mr. Oliver Stanley.

Mr. Stanley added that there were no objections to uniformed soldiers frequenting such establishments. — Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

POLITICAL QUARTERS in London declare, with reference to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's parliamentary statement reaffirming the Allied guarantee of Belgium, that the Belgian and Allied Governments are carefully examining the situation arising from the fact that the determining factor for execution of the guarantee is an appeal from the Belgian Government requesting the guarantors' intervention.

While such an appeal is definite proof that Belgium intends to decide by herself whether Allied help is wanted, it must be noted that Britain and France have not yet taken a stand on this problem.

It is essential that a Belgian appeal does not come too late, and allows the Allies to take military measures which would not make the success of intervention dubious or too costly.

Taking into account these considerations, observers are of opinion that the guarantee of Belgium should possess a certain elasticity on both sides; and that provision should be made in advance to render consultation between Belgium and the Allies possible beforehand. — Havas.

JAPANESE CONFER ON EUROPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

A conference of Japanese diplomatic representatives in several European States is scheduled to open here tomorrow (Friday).

The Japanese Ambassadors in Paris and Rome, the Ministers in Sofia, Warsaw, Budapest and Belgrade, and the consuls-general in Berlin, Geneva and Vienna are participating.

Diplomatic quarters point out that such meetings are not periodical and take place "only when the situation requires." — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North and north-east winds, moderate to fresh; fine generally.

FRICION AMONG THE PUPPETS

(SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The desertion of Kao Tsung-wu and Tao Hsi-sheng from Wang Ching-wei's camp followed lengthy friction among the puppets, the "China Press" alleges this morning.

The newspaper says that Tao attempted to obtain maximum concessions from the Japanese and opposed the puppet faction ruled by Lin Peh-sheng, Wang Ching-wei's publicity chief, who were satisfied with "preserving Wang's political life."

The "China Press" further asserts that internecine strife resulted in the execution of General Wang Yao-mu, a member of the "Central Supervisory Committee" and head of the "Second Route Army of the new Chinese central government." — Havas.

PARIS RESTRICTIONS RELAXED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. The French government have been relaxing the restrictions on the movement of people in the city since the beginning of the year.

ATTACK ON FINNISH STEAMER

Copenhagen, To-day.

A Finnish steamer was sunk yesterday as the result of a concentrated attack by six Soviet bombers near the Aaland Islands.

No fewer than fifteen bombs were dropped all round the vessel, and although no direct hit was scored, the hull was so battered by the concussion that it sank.

The crew took to the boats and were then machine-gunned by the Soviet planes. Only fifteen are reported safe.

A German vessel which had gone around close by was also bombed, but was not hit. — Reuter.

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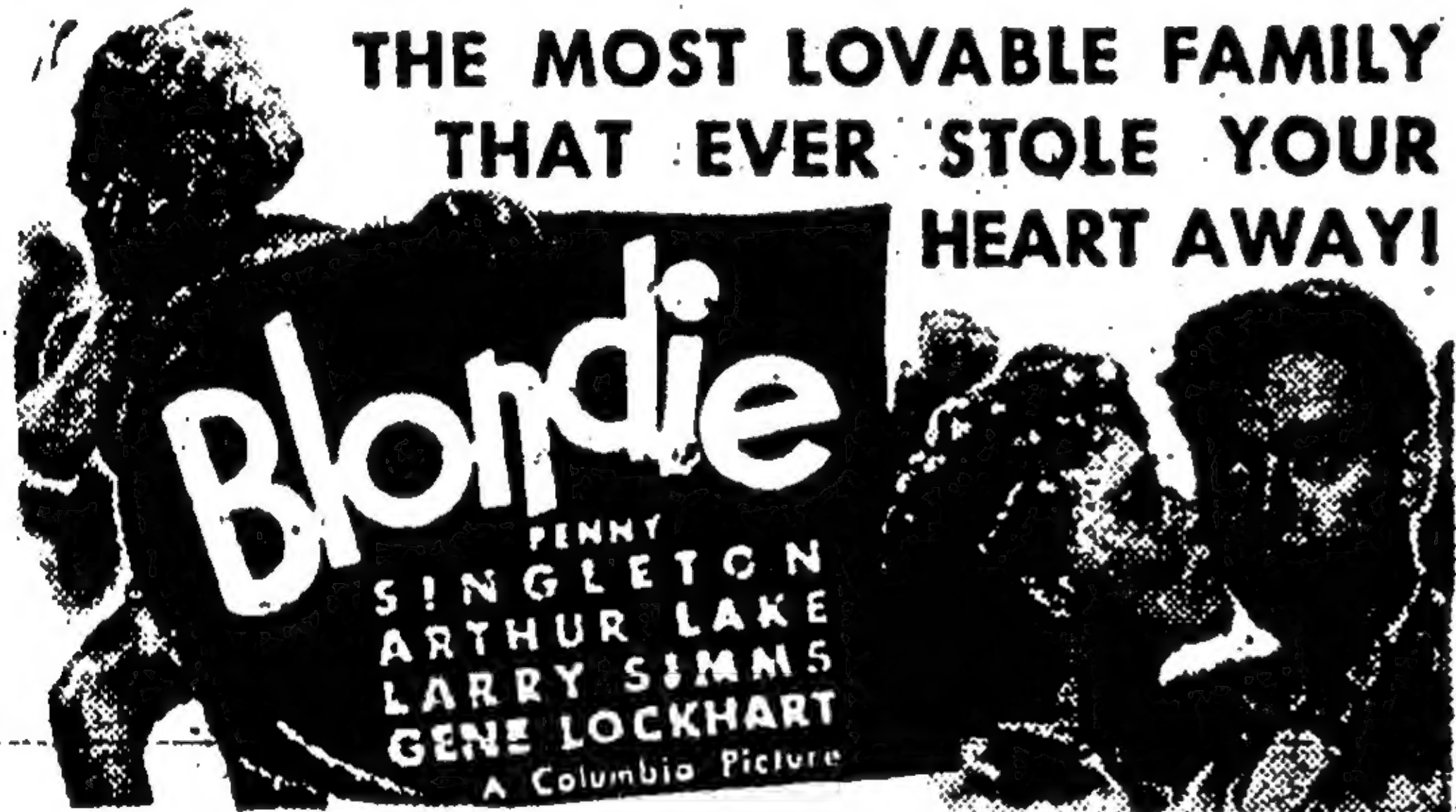
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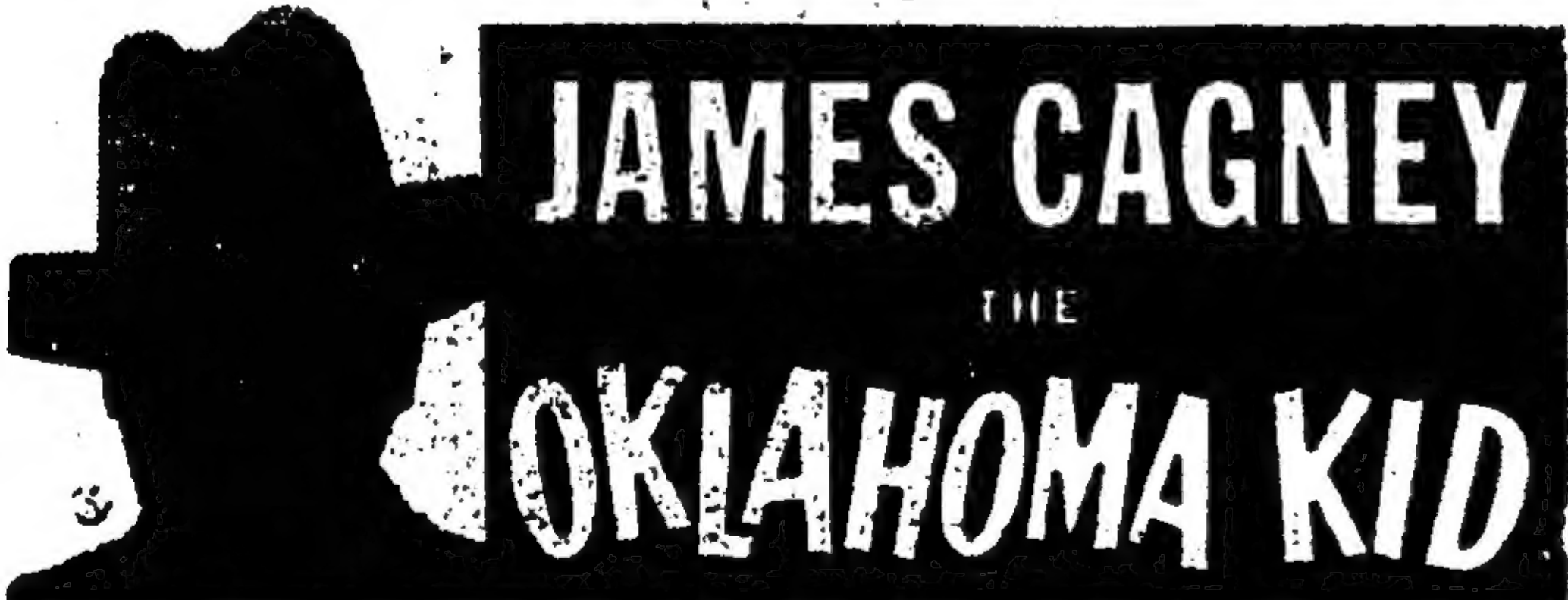
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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
YESTERDAY'S RESUMPTION of Nazi bombing raids on the Shetlands seemed to have been directed primarily against shipping. Bombs dropped closed to a steamer and a trawler without doing any damage, and two other bombs alighted in a nearby peatfield.

British fighting planes which drove them off played hide and seek in heavy cloud formations in a pursuit lasting more than an hour without getting into contact.—Havas.

HALF AN HOUR'S ALARM
London, To-day.

Three planes, believed to be German, flew high over the Shetlands yesterday, and the air raid warning lasted half an hour.

British fighters ascended but failed to make contact.

An eye-witness stated that the planes dodged behind the clouds.

SIX BOMBS
One of them dived towards the harbour but did not attack it, though a steamer was moored at the quay.

It is learned that six bombs were dropped, four of which fell in a sparsely populated district where there are no military objectives.

No damage is reported.—Reuter.

REVALUATION OF GOLD IN HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Hague, To-day.

The Finance Minister, Herr De Wilde, has tabled a Bill proposing a re-estimation of the value of gold holdings of the Netherlands Bank, featuring an appreciation of 18 per cent. in terms of guilders.—Havas.

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE SECOND CONTINGENT OF NAVAL VOLUNTEERS FROM THE EMPIRE—CONSISTING OF 170 MEN FROM NEWFOUNDLAND—ARRIVED AT A NORTH-WEST PORT YESTERDAY. THEY ARE TO JOIN THE MINESWEEPERS.

They are all fine seamen and many of them were trained in the hard school of the North-West Fisheries.

The Marine Superintendent for the Newfoundland Railways, who travelled out with them, said that they were the keenest crowd of young men he had ever seen.

They are now proceeding to various ports in the British Isles for training.—Reuter.

DUKE AT AIR H.Q.

London, To-day.

The Duke of Kent yesterday visited the headquarters of the R.A.F. Fighter Command.—British Wireless.

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CHIANG DENOUNCES WANG AGREEMENT

Chungking, To-day.

THE SINISTER IMPLICATIONS of the agreement signed between Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese on December 30, are analyzed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a lengthy manifesto.

"The agreement," Generalissimo Chiang declares, "is ten times more serious than the Twenty-one Demands and much more sinister than Japan's plot for the conquest of Korea."

Judging by the contents of the agreement, "good neighbourly relations" means Japan's absorption of China, "a common front against communism" means Japan's permanent stationing of troops in China and "economic collaboration" means Japan's economic domination in China.

The agreement contains, in fact, measures for creating an "enslaved China." Japan's demands for general co-operation and zones of Sino-Japanese solidarity, economic and otherwise, and paramount positions in designated areas are all aimed at the deprivation of China's independence.

It is a joke to speak of "respecting the territory and sovereignty of China" after forcing the bogus Central Government to recognise "Manchukuo" the Generalissimo declares.

JAPAN TO CONTROL FOREIGN POLICY

Mutual co-operation between Japan, China and "Manchukuo" in their relations with third Powers means the placing of China's diplomacy in Japan's hands. The appointment of Japanese advisers points to a close watch over China.

Amalgamation, creation and development of culture between Japan, China and "Manchukuo" means the prohibition of an independent culture in China.

On the so-called principles of reciprocity and economic solidarity, Japan seeks control of China's whole economic system, including financial and economic policy and customs administration.

The demand for a "paramount position" in Hainan Island, Amoy and other designated islands along the South China coast betray an ambition to start a storm in the Pacific, utilising China's manpower and resources.

Generalissimo Chiang says that if this agreement is ever enforced, China will be doomed and the world will be thrown into a greater peril.—Central News.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

At the instance of Mrs. Uttley, wife of Dr. K. H. Uttley, of the Kowloon Hospital, Mr. J. B. Lim, of No. 785, Nathan Road, was this morning summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen for failing to exercise due care and caution when driving in Castle Peak Road on New Year's Day.

It was alleged that defendant overtook two vehicles, Mrs. Uttley's car and a bus, when another bus was coming from the opposite direction. Mr. Lim had to drive at full speed to avoid collision with the other vehicles. There might have been a very serious accident.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, of Exchange Building, was fined \$4 for leaving his car unattended on the wrong side of Saigon Street between 7.30 p.m. and 9.25 p.m. on January 2.

Mr. H. West, of the P.W.D., was cautioned for disobeying a traffic signal at the junction of Nathan and Prince Edward Roads on New Year's Day. Sergeant Scrim said he saw Mr. West drive on although the "red" signal was against him.

Mrs. E. B. Lambert, of No. 407, The Peak, has reported an unsuccessful attempt to snatch her handbag while she was walking on the Peak yesterday.

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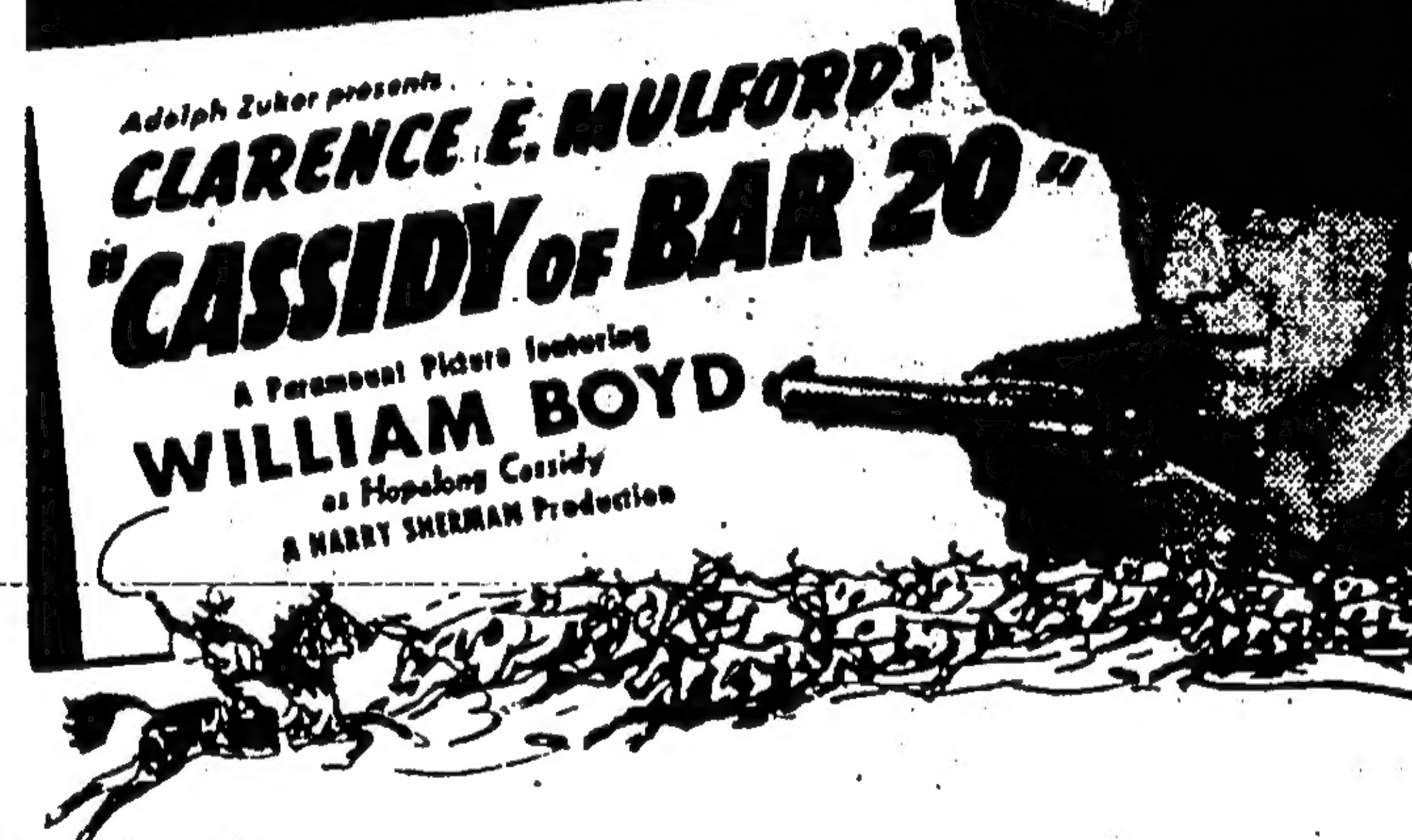
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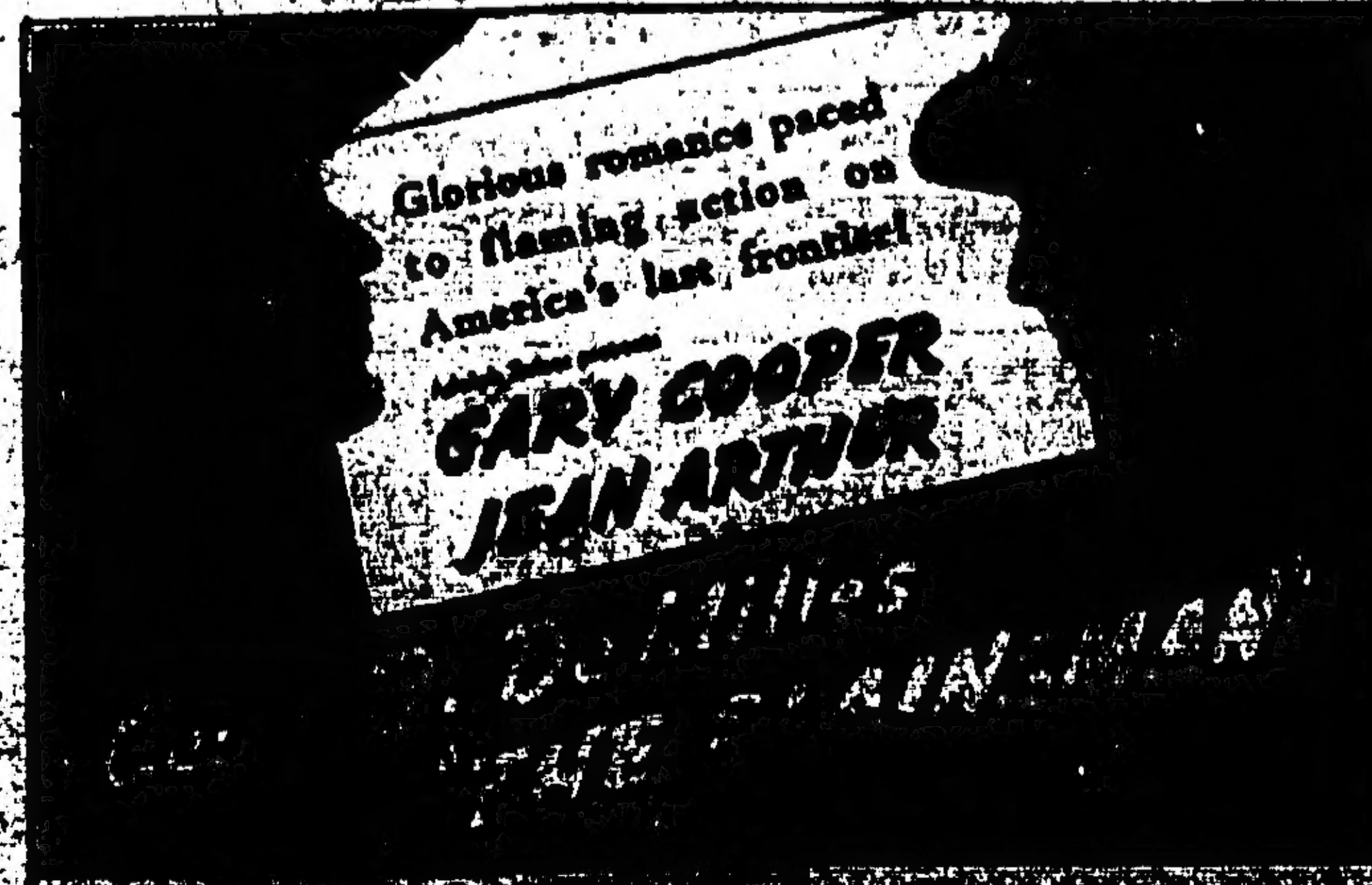


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Deep Divergencies Among Wang Ching-Wei Followers

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Publication of "peace conditions" by the Hong Kong "Ta Kung Pao" has deeply impressed many followers of Wang Ching-wei and the latter's return from Tsingtao is eagerly expected.

NEVERTHELESS, MOST OF WANG CHING-WEI'S FOLLOWERS ARE OF OPINION THAT THE MAIN LINES OF THE DOCUMENT ARE AUTHENTIC.

Deep divergencies exist among Wang Ching-wei's followers; especially among those who hoped for the creation of Wang's government as the preliminary of a subsequent merger with Chungking with European and American assistance.

They now consider that Wang has failed since the Japanese peace conditions showed that armed resistance is the only possible attitude of China.

Secondly, there are those who openly state that they are ready to conclude an alliance with Japan in order to expel the Whites and "regain from the Whites those concessions which China will be compelled to grant to Japanese Imperialism which, after all, is Asiatic."

NO SPLIT

There is no question of a split in Wang's camp since these two tendencies have always existed but recent developments have merely made them more apparent.—Havas.

Conference Proceeding

Shanghai, To-day.

At the first formal meeting at Tsingtao yesterday, Wang Ching-wei (who presided), Wang Keh-min and Liang Hung-chi unanimously agreed that the new "central regime" should be known as the "national government of the republic of China," according to the China news agency.

They also agreed that the capital re-

U.S. LOAN TO FINLAND

Washington, To-day.

The Senate banking committee has approved an increase of \$100,000,000 in the capital of the Export and Import Bank to permit of a non-military loan to Finland. — Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

The Bill to double the capital of the Export and Import Bank available for foreign loans makes no mention of Finland, but authorises the Bank to make any loan that may be recommended as desirable.

The question will be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee for its recommendation.

Under the present regulations, no country is permitted a loan in excess of U.S.\$30,000,000.—Reuter.

main in Nanking and the Kuomintang flag remain the national flag of China.

It is reported that other important questions will be discussed at the central political council meeting which is being held in Shanghai sometime in the middle of February.

The council will be composed of members of the Kuomintang, the provisional government, reformed government, Mongolian government and other political parties.—Reuter.

RECORD LOW TEMPERATURE

Paris, To-day.

Bitterly cold weather continues to prevail in Europe.

At one R.A.F. station in France, 42.5 degrees Fahrenheit of frost were recorded. This is believed to be a record low temperature for France.—Reuter.

HEAVY GUARD AT TSINGTAO CONFERENCE

Tsingtao, To-day.

Heavy Japanese naval guards have been provided for Wang Ching-wei, Liang Hung-chi and Wang Keh-min who are attending the puppet conference.

The staffs of the three Chinese politicians are staying at the Grand Hotel and are not permitted to have access to any person not directly connected with the conference.

More than 100 Japanese journalists, representing the principal Japanese newspapers and agencies, are in Tsingtao. — Reuter.

CANADA'S WAR PLANS

Ottawa, To-day.

A programme involving the purchase of well over \$30,000,000 of naval units and aircraft, was announced by Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Transport, on behalf of the War Supply Board yesterday.

The programme will tax Canadian shipyards and aeroplane factories to the utmost capacity, Mr. Howe said.

Orders had been or were being placed for 46 steel anti-submarine boats of whale-catcher design, 28 mine-sweepers, a large fleet of small motor-boats and parts for about 4,000 aircraft.

Mr. Howe revealed that the Inglis factory in Toronto, which is executing an order for 12,000 Bren guns for the British and Canadian Governments, was about three months ahead of production schedule and would start deliveries in April instead of July.—Reuter.

NORWAY'S LOSS OF SHIPS

Oslo, To-day.

It is announced that since the war began Norway has lost 32 ships of a total tonnage of 112,000 tons, and 150 sailors have lost their lives.—Reuter.

BRITISH POLICY QUITE CLEAR

RECOGNITION GIVEN ONLY TO CHIANG KAI-SHEK

London, To-day.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT had issued a statement that the movement for a new central government in China was gathering strength, and Japan would accordingly assist in the formation for a new government, said the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Chamberlain was replying to a question by Mr. M. P. Price (Labour, Forest of Dean).

The Premier added: "The only government in China recognised by His Majesty's Government, and with which they are in diplomatic relations, is the National Government of China, of which General Chiang Kai-shek is Chairman of the Supreme Defence Council and President of the Executive Council." (Ministerial speech).

Mr. Price, while thanking Mr. Chamberlain for his important statement, asked whether he was aware that the Japanese puppet government in China had recently been recognised by the Japanese Government.

Did not the Premier say that the Japanese puppet government was not recognised by the British Government?

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "As we are not having any relations with them, I don't think it matters." — Reuter.



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NO LOVE AND KISSES IN MAYFAIR FLAT: WIFE'S ACTION AFTER A SPANKING

London, To-day.

A SPECIAL JURY OF FIVE MEN and two women yesterday awarded £3,500 damages in a King's Bench decision to Mrs. Valerie Porter, 26-year-old wife of an Army lieutenant, who alleged that her husband's parents enticed him away from her.

The award was made jointly against her father-in-law and mother-in-law, of Grosvenor Square, Mayfair.

The jury took nearly two hours in considering their verdict, which was given on the eighth day of the hearing.

The Judge entered judgment with costs and granted a stay of execution for 21 days regarding £3,000 of the damages, pending notice of appeal.

He ordered the balance of £500 to be paid to the wife within seven days, and the remaining £3,000 to be paid into court.

Mrs. Valerie Porter alleged that her husband, Bertie, spanked her in her mother-in-law's flat.

FLUNG OUT

Thereafter she hit her mother-in-law and was flung out of the flat.

Summing up, the Judge said the son was forced to choose between his wife and parents, and a word of love on that fatal evening might well have prevented "this tragic happening."

"No-one had suggested that there was an act of love, an act of kindness or a kind word spoken. It is a great pity that there was not."

Mrs. Valerie Porter was radiant with smiles when the jury announced the verdict.—Reuter.

CANADIAN DIVISION IN BATTLE DRESS

London, To-day.

The first Canadian Division to appear in full battle dress paraded at Aldershot on Tuesday. It was the first occasion that many of the Canadian officers had worn battle dress.

The parade was watched by Major-General McNaughton and his staff. The Canadians' own bands played appropriate music for them.

His Majesty the King spent yesterday at Aldershot with some of the Canadian troops who are undergoing training there. He motored down from Buckingham Palace with an escort of Royal Canadian Mounted Police in khaki battle dress.—Reuter.

Inspected By King

London, To-day.

The King yesterday inspected the Canadian Division. He saw many young men who last year had travelled miles to catch a glimpse of His Majesty during his Dominion tour.

The King was received at the Canadian Headquarters by General MacNaughton and the Canadian High Commissioner.

Altogether His Majesty spent over five hours with the Division and, amongst other units, reviewed the 22nd Royal Infantry Regiment which is entirely composed of French Canadians, many of whom do not speak English.—British Wireless.

Mr. MacNaughton, Vol. of No. 654, The Peak, has reported the theft of a camera valued at \$400 from his residence.

NORWEGIAN FREIGHTER SUNK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian freighter, Sydford (4,000 tons) has been sunk off the coast of Scotland, either by a mine or torpedo.

Nineteen have been rescued but it is feared five are missing.—Havas.

TURKEY ANXIOUS ABOUT NEW NAZI PACT WITH SOVIET

PARIS, TO-DAY.

PERSISTENT REPORTS OF A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE SOVIET RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM SOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE TURKISH NEWSPAPERS, WHICH YESTERDAY CARRIED CIRCUMSTANTIAL REPORTS OF RECENT NEGOTIATIONS.

According to these reports, Germany is to be given military control of that part of Russian-occupied Poland which borders Rumania and will exploit the Polish oilfields.

Final agreement is said to have been signed in Berlin this week between von Ribbentrop and the Russian Ambassador.

Reason for the agreement, according to the Turkish newspapers, is the inability of the Soviet to carry out contracts for the delivery of oil to Germany. It gives Germany the Galician oilfields and access to the Rumanian frontier.

A serious view is taken in Istanbul of the situation.—Reuter.

FRENCH VIEWS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

No extreme importance is attached to the recent measures for the control of the oil industry in Rumania, although British and French companies are suffering somewhat from the new regulations.

Political circles in Paris point out that King Carol has repeatedly demonstrated his unwillingness to submit to German threats.

On the other hand, Germany apparently has no military objectives in the Balkans, at present at least, and only seeks to obtain the maximum economic advantages in this region.

THE NEW DIVISION
The German economic delegation, headed by Dr. Coudenhove-Kalergi, is said to be negotiating for oil and wheat supplies and possibly the new division between Russia and Germany of the occupied

BALKAN ENTENTE TO CONFER

ISTANBUL, TO-DAY.

M. SARAJOGLU, TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, WILL LEAVE ISTANBUL ON JANUARY 31 FOR BELGRADE, WHERE THE CONFERENCE OF THE BALKAN ENTENTE—TURKEY, GREECE, YUGOSLAVIA AND RUMANIA—IS TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 2.

It is expected here that on his way through he will have a meeting in Sofia with the Bulgarian Premier and Foreign Minister.

In an interview with a leading Turkish paper, the Bulgarian Premier says that Bulgaria will not depart from her policy of absolute neutrality as she sees no advantage in war. Bulgaria is tied to Turkey as well as to Yugoslavia in ever-growing friendship.—Reuter.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The annual show of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society is to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5 and 6. Copies of the schedule and rules can be obtained from Mr. J. T. Bagram, Hon. Secretary, Stock Exchange Building.

SCHEME TO OUTWIT SCUTTLERS

London, To-day.

Captain A. U. M. Hudson, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that special orders have been given to His Majesty's ships with a view to frustrating the regular practice of crews of German merchant-ships of scuttling their vessels to avoid capture.—Reuter.

BRITISH SUBJECTS CAUGHT IN POLAND

London, To-day.

A number of British subjects were caught in Poland by the war and are now suffering considerable hardships both in the German and Russian occupied areas.

This was revealed by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday when asked whether he had any information regarding the conditions of British subjects in Poland.

The Government, said the Prime Minister, had news relating to a total of 74 British subjects and 268 Palestinians, about half of whom were in German-occupied territory and the remainder in the area occupied by the Soviet forces.

FACILITIES REFUSED

All were believed to be suffering considerable hardship. Efforts had been made to supply those in the German-occupied area with parcels of food, through the Red Cross, but the German Government had refused the necessary facilities.

As regards those in the Soviet area, the International Red Cross was examining the possibility of affording relief.

The British Ambassador in Moscow had sent members of his staff to Lwow to organise and assist the withdrawal of British subjects and Palestinian citizens, and had made funds available for this purpose.—Reuter.

THE UNITED EMPIRE

London, To-day.

In a message to the United Kingdom Government, expressing the appreciation of the New Zealand Government and people of the greetings conveyed by Lord Willingdon who is in New Zealand representing the British Government at the centennial celebrations the Prime Minister of New Zealand declares: "The people of this dominion are at one with the people of the United Kingdom and other portions of the British Commonwealth in their determination to pursue the present conflict to a successful conclusion and to safeguard peace, freedom and security throughout the world.—British Wireless.

Cigarettes valued at \$45 were stolen from the Hong Kong Bowling Alloys yesterday.

hard labour.
Li Fook, 40, married, Chinese, charged with theft of a silver watch of value \$100, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

GAMBLING FOR WOMEN

A gambling establishment catering especially for women was raided by Inspector O'Donovan and a party of police at No. 18, New Market Street, last night when 10 women and a man were arrested.

Only one woman, Wong Yau, who was of better than average build, was charged with keeping a gaming house and was fined \$50 by the court.

"Angel Of Mons" Reported Seen In Finland SOVIETS THROW IN BEST TROOPS TO NO AVAIL

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE NEW SOVIET OFFENSIVE AROUND LAKE LADOGA HAS BEEN HELD BY THE FINNS AT ALL POINTS.

The offensive was apparently on a larger scale than any since the very early days of the war. The Soviets made a double attack, one to the north of Lake Ladoga, aimed at catching the Mannerheim Line in the rear, and the other in the centre of the Karelian Isthmus.

Wave on wave of Soviet troops came against the Finnish defences but failed to break through. The Finns claim the Russians lost over 1,000 men north of Lake Ladoga alone.

Meanwhile, Russian aircraft continue to bomb central and southern Finland, four hospitals being hit. An air raid shelter in a small town also received a direct hit and 19 people were killed.

It is officially confirmed that six Soviet bombers were shot down on Tuesday, and unofficial reports say three more were brought down.

Large sections of Finland's population now spend many hours in the air-raid shelters and the authorities are now urging them to get at least one hot meal a day.

Workers and employers have come to an agreement to settle any questions arising between them by friendly negotiation. — Reuter.

Violent Fighting Continues

Helsinki, To-day.

As violent fighting continues north of Lake Ladoga, where the Russians are attempting to turn the Finnish flank, it becomes more evident that the Soviet command is staking a great deal on this offensive.

Fighting is now concentrated along the only railway in the district, part of which is in Finnish hands and part in Russian.

The terrain over which the Russians are trying to advance consists largely of forests and marshes.

There is only one main road in the whole district, but possession of it would take the Russians into the heart of Finland.

VIOLENT BATTLE

Hitherto the Finns appear to have held their own against the successive waves of Russian attacks, and the Finnish communique yesterday stated that fighting in this sector continued violently all day.

Finnish soldiers on this front declare they have seen the "Angel of Mons" in the form of the large white figure of an angel with arms outstretched protectively facing towards the Russian lines.

Over 600 men have referred to this apparition in varying terms of belief or disbelief. — Reuter.

*** "The Angel of Mons" was reported to have been seen in the sky by British troops during the thickest fighting against the Germans in the retreat from Mons in the Great War. It had an amazing psychological effect on our troops.

All Attacks Hurdled Back With Great Loss

Helsinki, To-day.

The Soviet attacks north of Lake Ladoga have been hurled back with great Red Army losses.

Terrific artillery activity continues in the Suoma region of the Mannerheim Line.

All information indicates that the Russians are throwing their best troops into the action north of Lake Ladoga but while the Finns have given ground at several points, the positions have always been restored by swift counter-attacks.

AIR ACTIVITY

In the meantime, the Russian air activity has been greatly restricted by the increase in the number of Finnish planes in the air, as the result of arrivals of new planes from overseas, many of which are piloted by volunteers.

The Red Air Force is compelled to keep large numbers of planes tied down to bases for defensive operations against Finnish bombers.

No official confirmation is yet forthcoming of the arrival of 30 of the latest-type British fighter plane in Finland. — Reuter.

APPEAL TO SPORTSMEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The International Athletic Federation has appealed to all sportsmen in the world to help Finland, which is struggling against terrible odds.

"We think sportsmen in the whole world are in deep sympathy with their Finnish comrades and would gladly help them." — Havas.

Mr. Dinalaw Pagwalla, of No. 11, Duddell Street, was robbed of clothing and jewellery to the value of \$200 from his residence during the night.

Three cases of smallpox and three of diphtheria were reported to the Medical Department yesterday.

NEW YEAR GIFTS FOR CHINA'S ARMY

Shanghai, To-day.

Local Chinese public bodies have formed a public fund-raising committee to collect \$500,000 from Chinese manufacturers and businessmen to buy gifts for the Chinese fighting forces on the occasion of Chinese New Year, according to the vernacular press.

Local Chinese are urged to dispense with the usual sumptuous New Year feasting and other public amusements. — Reuter.

GERMAN BIG PUSH FORECAST

Paris, To-day.

A warning that a large-scale German attack may be expected at any time between one and one and a half months from now, was given by French military circles yesterday.

They urged that the present landlocked condition of the forces on the western front should not be considered a sign that the inaction would continue indefinitely.

It is recalled that on February 21,

STRIKING SEIZURE FACTS

London, To-day.

Details of seizures from United States mails by the British authorities and of the methods by which citizens of German origin in the Americas attempt to use the United States mails to transport valuables and food to Germany, were revealed last evening by the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

The Ministry states that since the beginning of the war up to January 12, 6,000 letters and 50,000 parcels were seized as contraband.

Most of the letters contained items such as cheques, drafts, letters of credit and a new form of mark, the "gift mark."

EXTENSIVE CONFISCATIONS

Marks so far confiscated are valued at 5,279,000 reichmarks, cheques and drafts at U.S.\$526,000; United States currency at \$9,000; and Sterling at £17,800.

A sender of marks to Germany from America, purchases marks at a German bank or agency. The draft is then sent by mail to Germany, where the receiver cashes it at a bank.

The spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Warfare mentioned that one of the parcels seized contained pearls valued at £8,000, and sent from Japan.

QUANTITIES OF DIAMONDS

More than £2,000,000 worth of industrial diamonds were found in the letter post, but the bulk was addressed to recipients in neutral countries and was allowed to proceed.

Many senders addressed a large envelope to a recipient in a neutral country containing a number of smaller envelopes addressed to recipients in Germany.

The sending of parcels of food to Germany from the United States reached tremendous proportions. All these were regarded as contraband and were confiscated. — Reuter.

1916, the Germans were ready to launch the historic Verdun offensive, and though it is impossible to forecast Hitler's plans with any certainty, this example must be borne in mind. — Reuter.



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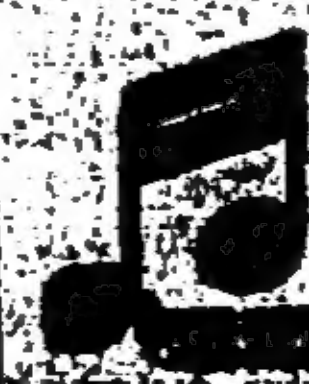
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THE FUTURE

Modern human civilization cannot be destroyed. One can destroy in one country, through war or revolution, some of the remarkable monuments of human culture and civilization, ancient and modern; but the present organization of the world does not allow anybody to destroy human civilization. Human civilization is, first of all, the moral conception of modern mankind, although including, of course, all economic values, all achievements of technological progress, all great cultural monuments, buildings, cities, universities, libraries, museums of art and science; many of them are of inestimable value and could be destroyed in a great catastrophe. And that would be a loss which never could be replaced.

But that does not mean the destruction of human civilization. The human spirit, in its great creative power, having saved in innumerable places the results of modern science, technology, and progress—material and moral—will continue in any case its great creative work. And we will rebuild, replace, reconstruct, and recreate the so-called modern civilization in new forms, which probably cannot have at once the same value and the same moral and material perfection as many of the destroyed monuments of the past. But the great struggle in human society for the continuation of past culture and civilization and for future culture and civilization will continue with the same noble results and the same great success which is, again, in the nature of the human spirit and the human personality. Humanity will simply continue its daily life, its daily creation, and its daily fight for new and better forms of human existence.—Dr. Benes in "Democracy."

MORE EMPTY VICTORIES

Another stop-gap government in Japan will do nothing more than delay the basic decision. The desirability of delay as against immediate decision is explainable in terms of the outlook in connection with American relations. The temporizers and procrastinators in policy-making have plenty of opportunity to ask how anybody is to know that the United States will be tough enough to force an end of the policy of dilly-dallying.

The Japanese army has won quite as many battles in Tokyo as in China, but still is about as far from a victory in the one place as in the other. The odds are that the present cabinet crisis will be another victory for the army, but the kind of victory that refuses to turn into permanent success, the same kind of victory that characterizes the general course of the war in China.—"Manila Bulletin."

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UNREST IN JAPAN

There can be no doubt that there are ugly signs of unrest in Japan among various sections of the people and the fighting services. A noted American correspondent who has lived in Japan for years privately told friends here not long ago that he is sensing to-day in Tokyo ominous symptoms of restlessness and trouble which he has never before seen in his long residence in Japan.

At the moment foreign correspondents in Japan hesitate to put their fingers definitely on the source of this unrest and trouble, chiefly because, like the Japanese, they are baffled by the mass of significant yet unrelated symptoms. They agree, however, that something is brewing in the Japanese political pot, but they are resigned to the fact that they will not know what the future holds until that pot boils over.—"China Press," Shanghai.

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NOMINAL CLAIMS

When we think what the United States inwardly may be thinking of and planning, we feel we shall as yet have to experience many twists and turns in our negotiations with the United States till a

satisfactory re-adjustment of our international relations is achieved. Certainly the United States is demanding as fundamental terms necessary for adjustment of Japanese-American relations the maintenance of the principle of the Open Door in China and the respect of American rights and interests in the same country. But these are in reality only America's "nominal" claims presented to Japan.

What the United States intends to achieve in China is unquestionably to check Japan's advance on to the China continent.

This is the reason why the United States is not satisfied as yet fully with Japan's proposal to reopen the Yangtze to international shipping. Unless Japan makes a wholesale retreat from the China continent, therefore, America will not be able to interest herself seriously in the desired attempt to effect a satisfactory adjustment in the Japanese-American relations.

For the United States to give up altogether such an impractical ambition is the only way we do not head on to a collision with the Japanese-American relations.—"Asahi Shimbun."

GRAVE SITUATION

All and every member of the nation talks of the gravity of the situation which Japan faces internally and externally. The national opinion prevailing is that the current year 1940 will see many more knotty problems to be handled by

Japan politically and economically, for this nation to emerge victorious in the titanic struggle already embarked upon in connection with the China campaign.

Confining the scope of our discussion only to financial and economic questions, we shall find that we shall have to grapple seriously with that problem of State finances which is manifest in the

form of an ever increasing swelling of budgetary amounts, with the national tax burden of more than ¥20,000,000,000 heavily pressing upon the nation, while there are certain decidedly unfavourable factors existing in Japan's foreign trade and also in the national living situation of the country.

All such conditions are due in no small measure to the maladministration of the Government. For instance, the present stringent situation suffered by the nation in regard to the supply of necessary materials and goods including rice, coal and charcoal is attributable in the main to the administrative faults of the Government. All such failures on the part of the Government are feared to be reflected unfavourably in the Japanese position towards foreign nations.—"Tokyo Nichi Nichi."

HITLER AND STALIN

In these strange and sinister circumstances, the wisest policy must surely be watchfully to await the tortuous developments of this unnatural alliance, there is a proverb that when thieves fall out, honest men may come by their own. But it would be too optimistic to hope that the great thieves of Europe will fall out, so long as there remains ample booty for both, the chance of forming a great confederation of peace-loving powers to prevent aggression was missed.—Mr. A. Duff Cooper.

'ASAMA MARU' BUSINESS

Japan Taking "Effective And Appropriate" Steps

LEGAL ASPECTS REGARDED AS IRRELEVANT!

Tokyo, To-day.

JAPAN HAS NOTIFIED Britain that she is "taking effective and appropriate measures of self-defence" regarding her vessels coming home across the Pacific, according to the "Asahi Shimbun."

This usually well-informed newspaper says that the notification was made by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, to Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador on Tuesday night.

The Foreign Office spokesman endeavoured to explain to pressmen the reasons Japan is taking such a serious view of the incident.

He stated that the holding up of the "Asama Maru" was particularly obnoxious to Japan because it took place virtually under the shadow of the sacred Mount Fuji.

The Foreign Minister is reported to have adopted a "stern attitude" and to have told the British Ambassador that should another "unfortunate affair" occur, the great shock felt in official and unofficial Japan might cause the most serious consequences to Anglo-Japanese relations.

NOT PREPARED TO ARGUE

Meanwhile, Japanese officials declare that they are still awaiting a full explanation from the British Government, adding that "Britain's broad definition of her rights cannot be accepted by us."

The Japanese spokesman declined to discuss whether the German decree of June 22, 1938, definitely classed all Germans of military age as members of the military service.

He stated that he adhered to the Japanese point of view. — Reuter.

A LITTLE REMINDER

London, To-day.
It is recalled in London that the "Asama Maru" ran ashore during a typhoon in a fortified area in Hong Kong in the autumn of 1937.

It was feared at one time that she might become a total wreck but in spite of the fact that she lay in a strategic zone, the British Government, as an exceptional measure, permitted a Japanese company to undertake her salvage.

As a result, the vessel was eventually refloated in the spring of 1938. — British Wireless.

QUEEN AT WAR OFFICE

London, To-day.

The Queen who is the Commandant-in-Chief of the Auxiliary Territorial Service paid a visit to the Headquarters Staff of the A.T.S. at the War Office yesterday. — British Wireless.



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INDIAN PRINCES AND THE WAR

New Delhi, To-day.

The Nawab of Bhopal, who rules over 730,000 Hindus, yesterday expressed the determination of the Indian Princes to help Britain in the war to the last ounce of strength and until victory is won.

He was speaking at a farewell banquet to the retiring Agent of the Governor-General.

The Nawab regretted that Indian Princes were not allowed to fight in France. Hitler's war, he said, is just as much against India as it is against Britain.

"We have no intention of bargaining for the price of our humble services," he said, after regretting that Indian Princes were not allowed to enlist as privates in the army. — Reuter.

ENGLISH EDITION OF YELLOW BOOK

London, To-day.

The French Government have arranged for the publication in English of the French Yellow Book. — British Wireless.

G.B.S. DOESN'T THINK MUCH OF "SWARAJ"

London, To-day.

George Bernard Shaw, replying to a questionnaire addressed to him by the Indian Swaraj League on current Indian problems, declares:

"The Indian people must be prepared for startling curtailments of their personal liberties under Dominion Home Rule."

"In Eire, five military officers can take any Irish citizen and have him shot by court-martial. Any police Chief Constable can enter a house and seize the furniture unless the occupier can prove that he has not stolen it."

"Such things were impossible under British rule." — Reuter.

ALLIED TRADE AGREEMENT

Paris, To-day.

A Ministry of Commerce communique announces complete agreement between the French trade delegation in London and British Government

THIRD TERM FATAL FOR ROOSEVELT?

Columbus (Ohio), To-day.

The view that President Roosevelt would not be nominated for re-election to the Presidency was expressed by Mr. John Lewis, the Labour leader, yesterday.

Mr. Lewis made a bitter attack on the Democratic Party's administration in a speech before the United Mine-workers' Convention.

He declared the Democratic Party had failed to keep faith with Labour.

Mr. Lewis added: "Should the Democratic Party be coerced or dragooned into nominating President Roosevelt, I am convinced that with the conditions now confronting the nation and the dissatisfaction which is permeating the minds of the people, his candidacy would result in ignominious defeat." — Reuter.

representatives on measures to be taken to develop trade between the two countries and in examining economic relations with third parties.

Negotiations on the technical side will start immediately in order to turn the general agreement into practical measures, the communique adds. — Reuter.

NO DATE YET SET FOR ANGLO-SOVIET WHITE PAPER

London, To-day.

ANSWERING A QUESTION on the subject in the House of Commons yesterday the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, regretted he was not yet in a position to give a definite date for issue of the White Paper dealing with the negotiations between the British and Soviet Governments.

Asked by Major-General Sir Alfred Knox (Cons. Wycombe) whether in view of the unprovoked aggression on Finland the Government would now break off relations with Russia, Mr. Chamberlain declared the decision whether or not to break off relations with the Soviet Government was one that would require most careful consideration in all its aspects.

It was not one to be dealt with satisfactorily in question and answer.

Answering a supplementary question on the date of publication of the White Paper, Mr. Chamberlain gave an assurance that the delay in publication was not caused by the fact that the documents were being edited in any way, and that the full facts would be given. — Reuter.

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HERTZOG WAR MOTION DEBATE

CAPETOWN, TO-DAY. WHEN THE DEBATE ON GENERAL HERTZOG'S PEACE MOTION WAS RESUMED IN THE ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY, DR. MALAN, LEADER OF THE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN PARTY, SAID HE WANTED TO EMPHASISE THE VIEW THAT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE NEUTRAL, AND WAS NOT ACTUATED BY ANY FEELING AGAINST BRITAIN OR FRANCE.

He very much regretted the war and the combination of nations opposing each other.

If there were two European countries which should be friendly they were Britain and Germany, who had made the greatest contributions to Western civilisation and Christendom.

The greatest danger to Europe was Bolshevism, and the war between Britain and Germany had put Europe in the most dangerous situation it had been in for a long time.

"We are convinced," he said, "that there is no other way but to make an end not only to our participation in the war but of the British connection."

The debate was adjourned. CANNOT BE TRUSTED

Colonel Reitz, Minister for Native Affairs, said that after the flagrant tearing-up of the Munich agreement by invading Czechoslovakia, Germany could no longer be trusted. By that event, she lost all sympathy in Britain and France.

He strongly opposed the views of General Hertzog on the international situation and was confident that the House would do the same.

The debate was again adjourned.—Reuter.

APPEAL PARTIALLY SUCCEEDS

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this morning, Chu Shing, 18, a cigarette-maker, appealed against conviction for (a) intimidation of Chan Fung, and (b) common assault.

Chu was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for Chu, and Mr. E. W. Williams for the Crown.

Mr. Loseby said that his client was alleged to have intimidated the woman on November 23 and to have assaulted her on November 26. He was arrested on December 3 on the first charge, his ground of appeal was that the charge was not properly drawn up because the exact threat alleged was not mentioned. The second conviction should be quashed on the ground of insufficient evidence.

Mr. Loseby submitted further that the sentences were too severe.

Mr. Williams agreed that the first conviction was wrong on the ground stated, but said there was abundant evidence on the second charge.

His Lordship allowed the appeal against the first conviction and reduced the sentence on the second to three months.

WOMAN SENT TO PRISON

Alleged to be a professional swindler, Lui Loi-ching, 36, a woman, of no fixed abode, was this morning sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen for attempting to obtain \$100 by means of a trick.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, prosecuting, stated that accused, with a 10-year-old son, went to a money exchange shop in Shanghai Street on Tuesday and, handing in a \$500 note asked for five \$100 notes.

When the shop foki handed her five notes, she handed one to her son, who ran away and then accused the foki of giving her only four notes.

The police caught the boy with the note concealed in his shoe.

Accused told different stories of how she got the \$500 note, but all were revealed to be false.

In connection with the case, Mr. M. W. Lo appeared and claimed that the \$500 note belonged to a woman client. The note was returned to his client.

NO FOOD: NO JOB PLEA

"If you come here again, you'll have plenty of chow for two months," warned Commander G. F. Hole addressing a young Chinese woman in the Marine Court this morning, when she was charged with boarding the s.s. Ardent without the captain's permission last night.

The woman, with three others, was arrested by a detective on board the ship at 10 p.m.

Asked what she had to say, the woman replied: "I have no food and no job. I can't help it."

Commander Hole warned her that he would send her to prison next time. She was fined \$50.

NOT QUITE SO COLD

THE WEATHER TURNED Milder DURING THE NIGHT, WHEN A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 48 DEGREES WAS RECORDED. MAXIMUM YESTERDAY WAS 58 DEGREES, AND THIS MORNING AT 10 a.m. THE READING WAS 55.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is stationary over China and the neighbouring seas; it has a tendency to decrease in intensity and to extend eastward.

The depression appears to be stationary to the south-east of Hokkaido.

INDECENT PICTURES

Li Wing-shun, 20, was ordered to be sent out of the Colony as a destitute by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, when found guilty of exposing indecent pictures in Hollywood Road yesterday.

Detective Sergeant Brooks said defendant was charging one cent for a look into his box, which contained the pictures.

The pictures were ordered to be destroyed.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



THRILLING AIR BATTLE: PILOT'S NARRATIVE

London, To-day.

ON RECENT NIGHT FLIGHTS over Germany temperatures as low as 52 degrees of frost have been encountered by R.A.F. bomber aircraft and ice has formed in layers on the cock-pit and inside the aircraft.

This extreme cold and the rarefied air at altitudes up to five miles above the earth which are attained by bombers in the course of reconnaissance flights over the heart of Germany are the air-men's two greatest dangers.

SIAMESE ORDER FOR DUKE OF GLOUCESTER

London, To-day.
Vice-Admiral Phya Rajawangsan, Thai Minister in London, yesterday handed Major-General the Duke of Gloucester the Order of the Royal House of Chakri on behalf of King Ananda of Thailand.—Reuter.

VATICAN PROTESTS

Vatican City, To-day.

For the third day in succession, the Vatican City Radio has denounced German oppression of Roman Catholicism in Poland.

In Germany itself, the announcer said, further attacks were being made on religion, all religious teaching and schools being abolished.

"This measure is a flagrant violation of the Vatican's Concordat with the Reich," said the announcer.—Reuter.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare states there were 35 neutral ships on Tuesday in the three contraband control bases in the United Kingdom, of which 25 had been there five days or less.

During the week the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 80 ships which had arrived since January 13, and 33 outstanding cargoes from the previous week.

In 52 cases the entire cargoes were released.—Reuter.



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For protection against such intense cold, the airman relies almost solely upon warm clothing. It is the usual practice for oxygen inhalation to begin at 10,000 feet, the rate of supply increasing steadily as the aircraft gains height.

Each member of the crew wears an oxygen-breathing mask covering his nose and mouth and from the mask is suspended a length of flexible tubing which is plugged into an oxygen point nearby.

At about 35,000 feet, however, the low pressure of the atmosphere makes breathing even with the aid of the oxygen mask impossible and it then becomes necessary to encase the air-men in air-tight pressure suits resembling a diver's outfit, inside which a predetermined pressure, sufficient to permit of the inhalation of oxygen can be maintained.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS

Apart from the physiological conditions, high altitude flying also introduces special problems relating to the aircraft itself.

At heights approaching the aircraft "ceiling," the attenuated atmosphere provides so little lift for the aeroplane's wings that, combining with the lower power of engines, the rate of flying may fall to a fraction of the aircraft's ground level velocity. From an aircraft travelling at 200 miles per hour at a height of 20,000 feet, a bomb has to be released two miles and a half in advance of the target. Moreover, to ensure any degree of accuracy in bombing, the aimer must begin to sight his target some three miles from the point at which he will release the bomb—a total of five miles and a half from the target itself.

An account of a recent high altitude aerial combat is contained in the Air Ministry's weekly Newsletter published yesterday.

Thrilling Story Of Air Combat

"A British fighter pilot was ordered to pursue a Dornier bomber sighted over a certain area at a height of 18,000 feet. 'After flying west, his log reads: I sighted three anti-aircraft shell bursts at 18,000 feet and later another three bursts. I then sighted a trail of frozen exhaust gas at a considerably greater altitude and climbed after it.' The British pilot engaged the Dornier at 24,000 feet. He came up under the enemy's tail and opened fire in short bursts at 250 yards' range. White smoke burst from the Dornier's starboard engine. The fighter pilot then climbed to 250 feet above the enemy.

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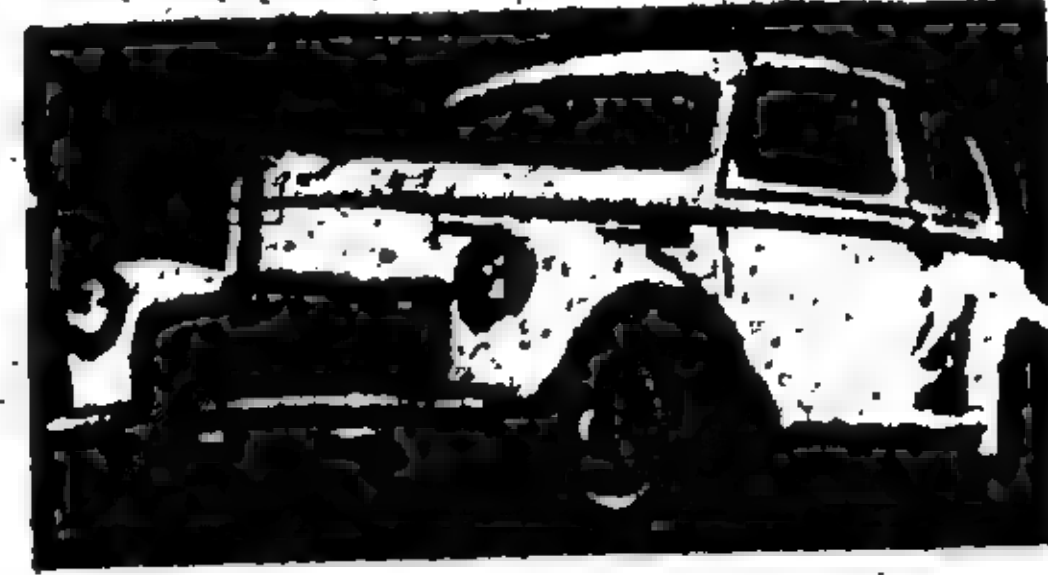
"I dived to attack at a right angle," reads his graphic narrative, "gave one good burst and broke away to right and above. I saw two men leave the aircraft and white and black smoke appeared from the port engine. As the aircraft was obviously finished I did not attack again but followed it down and saw it fall into the sea."—British Wireless.

Mrs. M. Wong, of No. 163, Fuk Wing Street, walking in On Lan Street yesterday was robbed of her handbag containing \$14.

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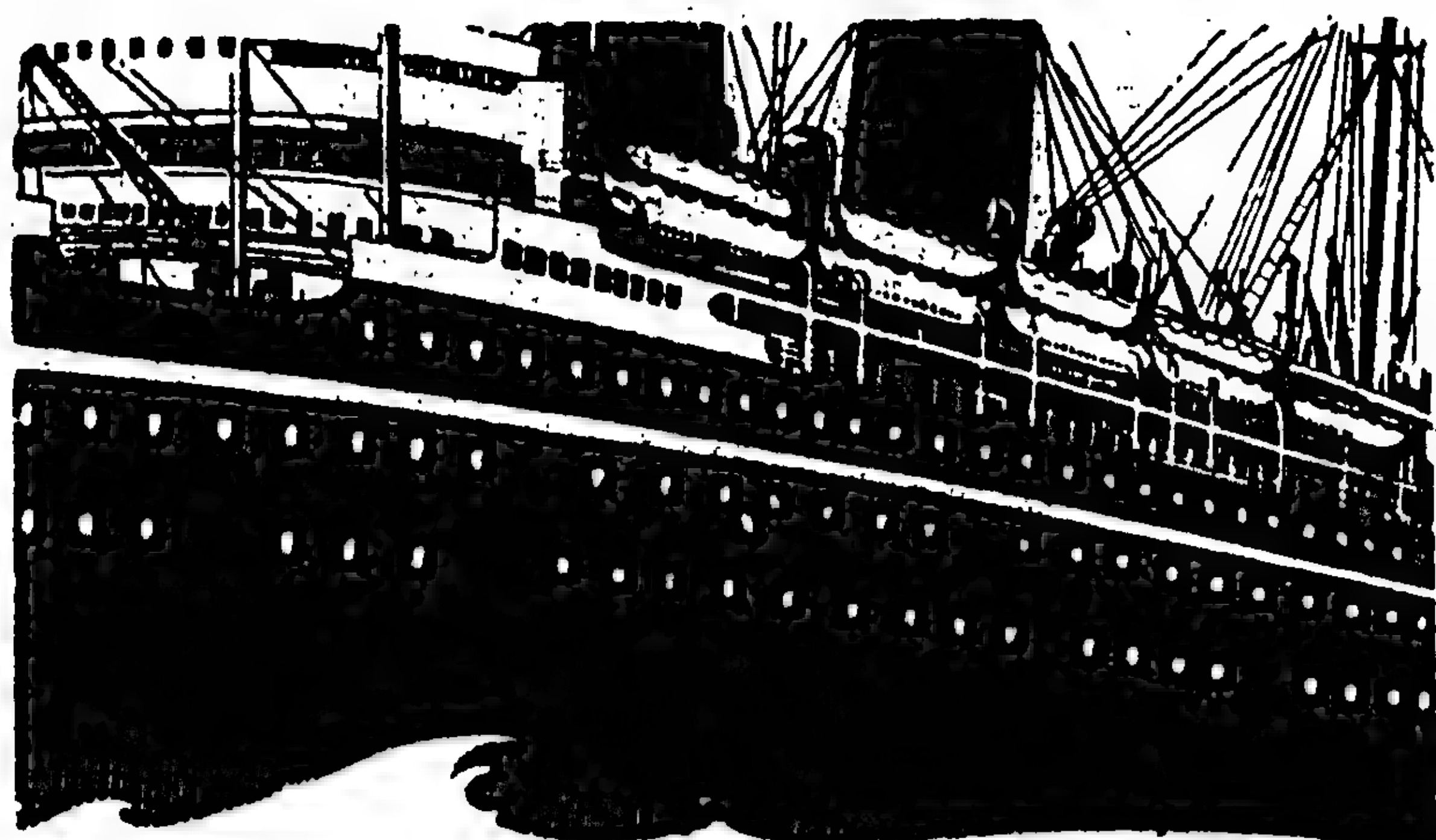
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| Shanghai and Japan | | Jan. 27, 3.30 p.m. |
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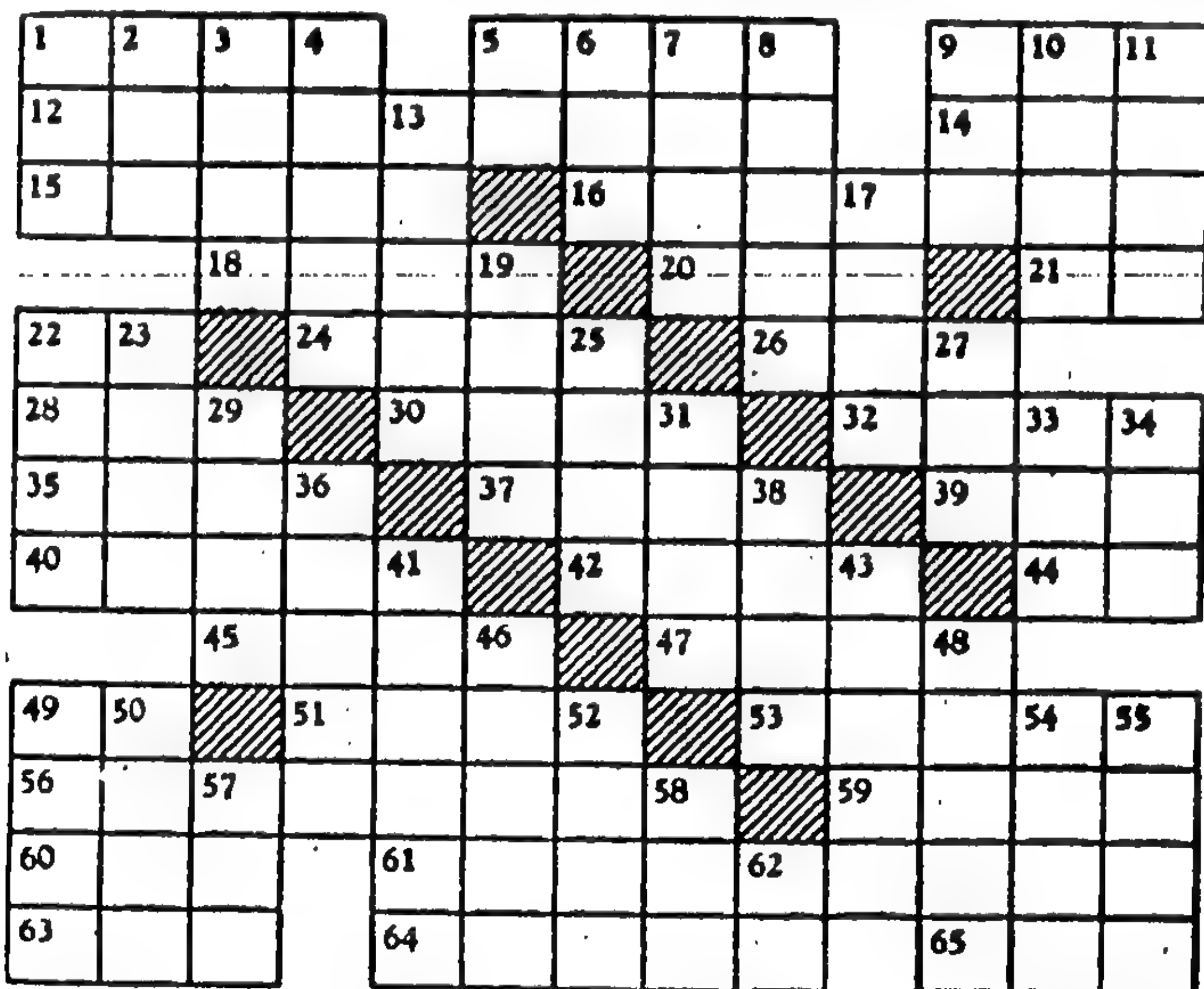
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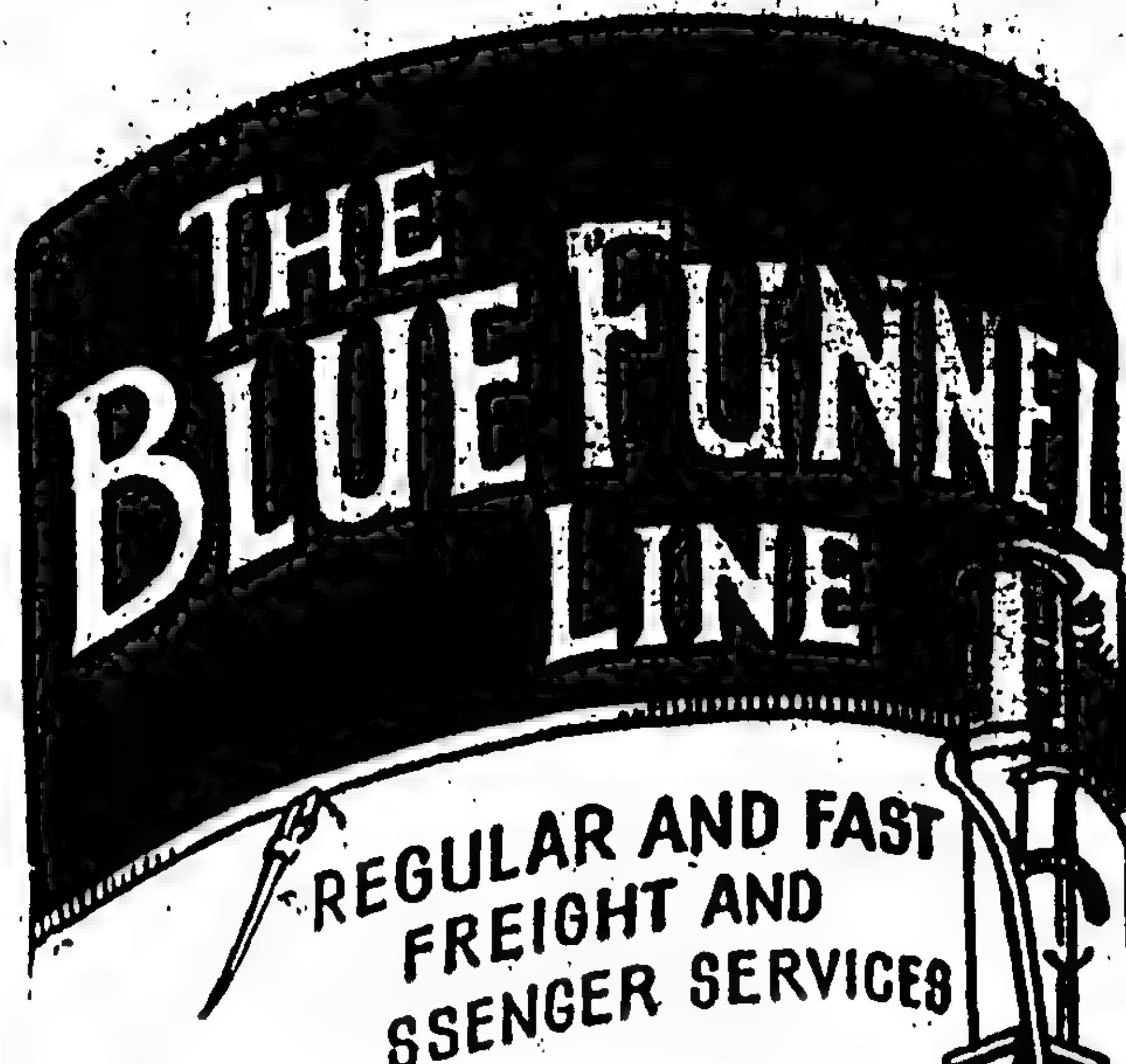
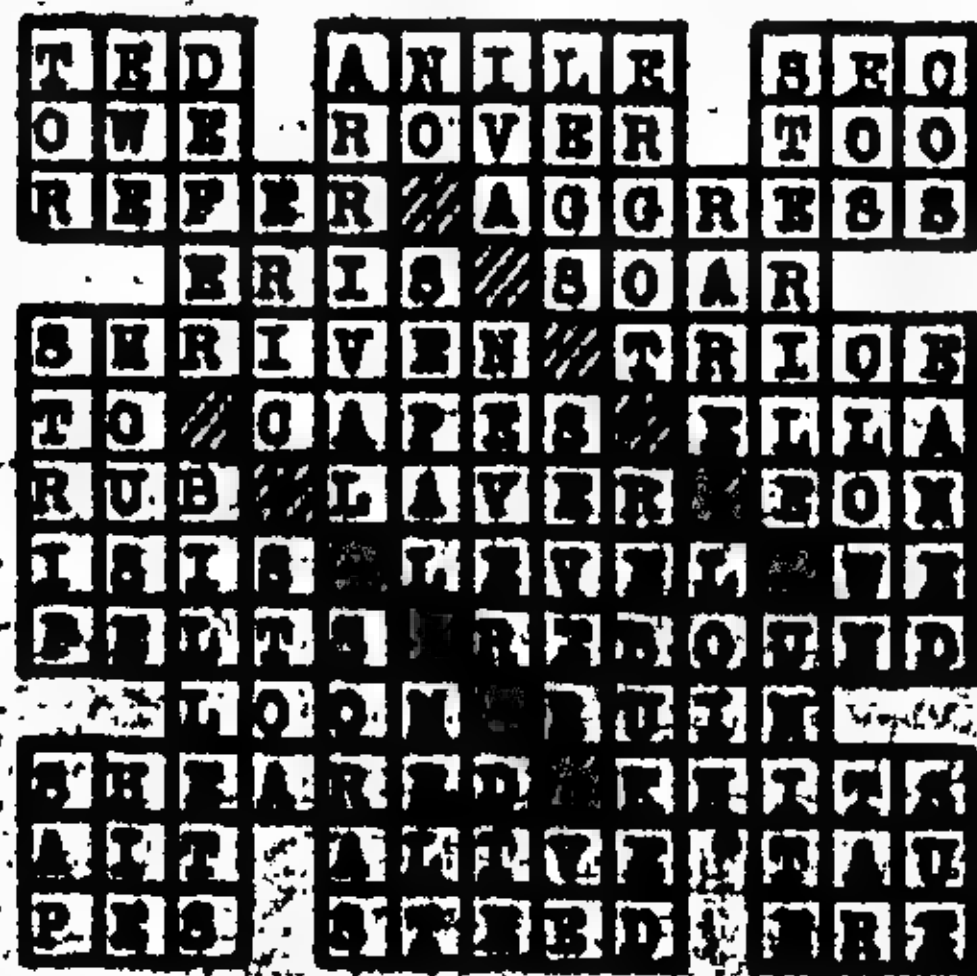
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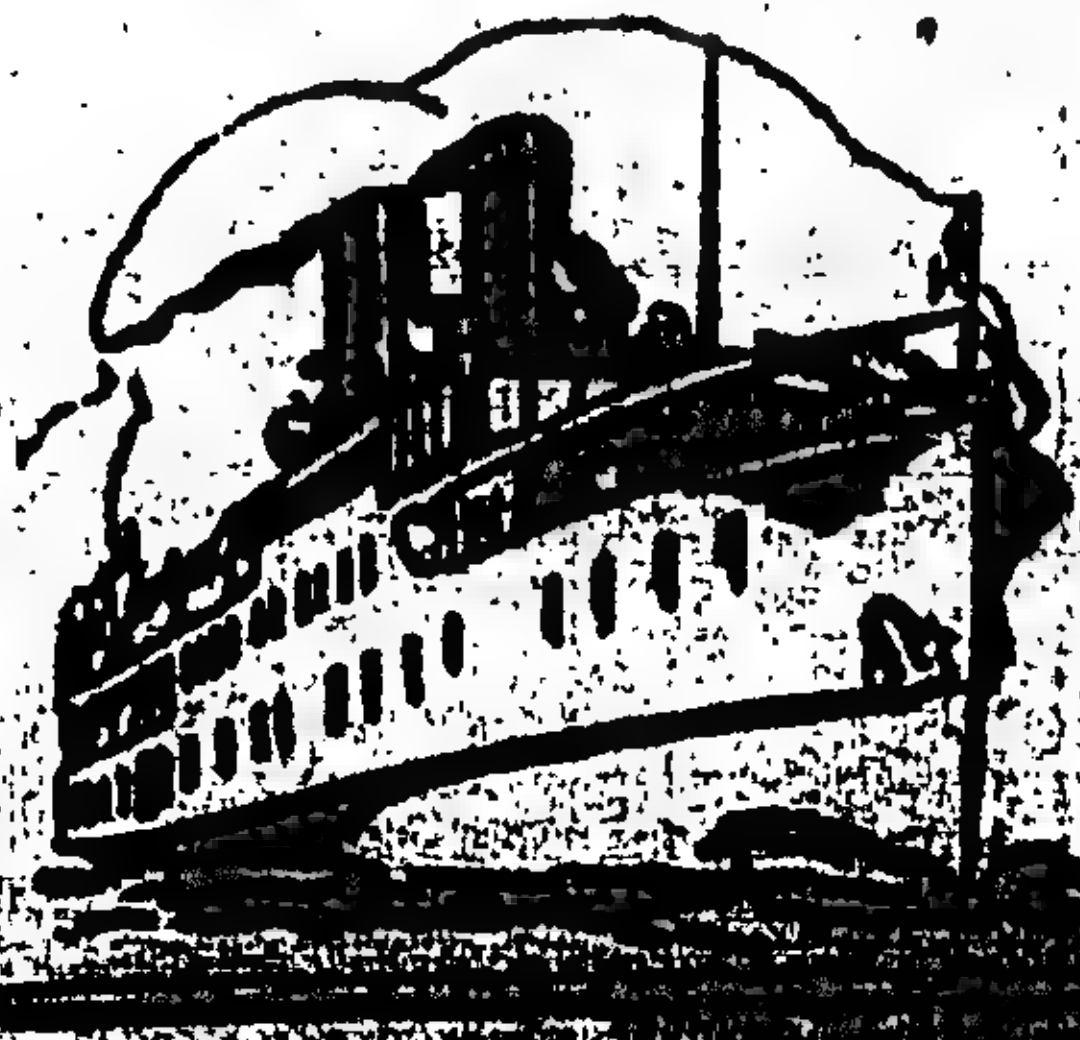
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LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE GERMAN PROPAGANDA HAS BEEN MAKING MORE FALLACIOUS STATEMENTS, THIS TIME ABOUT THE LOSS OF BRITISH OIL TANKERS.

The Germans claim to have sunk 20 British tankers, according to one paper.

In actual fact, however, 6 of these ships are ordinary cargo ships and not tankers, while three others are still sailing on their normal courses.

The Germans also exaggerate the tonnage of ships sunk.

For instance, the coastal tanker Africa Shell, one of those sunk by the Graf Spee before it met its well-deserved fate, was actually a ship of only 700 tons; the Berlin papers, however, claim it was of 7,000 tons—just an extra nought!

It is pointed out in London that actually the Allied tanker position is better to-day than it was at the outbreak of the war.—Reuter.

HITLER'S MODEL

London, To-day.
According to the German wireless, Hitler yesterday addressed an audience of German army and air force cadets in the Berlin Sports Palace.

Speaking for the first time since the Munich bomb attempt, Hitler advised them "always to follow the example of Frederick the Great, who set a high standard of soldierly virtue."

Yesterday was the anniversary of Frederick the Great's birthday.—Reuter.

U.S. DENIAL OF AN INFERENCE

Washington, To-day.
The State Department has cleared up reports that the Soviets are using American aviation petrol.

Only two barrels of aviation spirit were brought from the United States in the first 11 months of last year, although 900,000 barrels of other grades of petrol were purchased.—Reuter.

THE LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.
Gilt-edged securities and home rails were again actively bought on the Stock Exchange yesterday, prices rising sharply.

Kaffirs initially were dull but later improved.

Industrials attracted more attention. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

INCREASING WEIGHT MADE HER DESPAIR

Every Week She Grew Heavier
Do you find that you have put on weight each time you step on the scales? If so, you will understand this woman's feeling of despair, as she found herself growing heavier with every week. And you will appreciate the sense of gratitude which led her to write this letter, when she at last succeeded in reversing the process:

"I have been taking Kruschen Salts for reducing my weight, and am perfectly satisfied with the result. Two years ago, I started putting on weight rapidly. I was weighed every week, only to find my weight increasing. I was in despair. My chemist advised me to try Kruschen, and now each morning I take the prescribed dose in a glass of hot water. I am thankful to say that after following this simple treatment I have lost 12 lbs. I shall always take Kruschen to ward off that tendency to put on fat."—(Mrs.) N.J. Kruschen is not in any sense a drug; it is a saline—an ideally balanced blend of six natural mineral salts which doctors have approved for many years as a thoroughly safe and rational treatment for obesity.

GOVERNMENT'S OLD AGE PENSIONS CONCESSION

London, To-day.

MOST OF THE BRITISH PRESS welcomes the new pensions. In the words of the "Daily Telegraph," they will "go a long way to relieving the hardest hit cases."

Some papers wanted to see a flat rise of 5/-, but "The Times" says that this would cost about £39,000,000 a year, an overwhelming sum at a time when the nation has to find £2,000,000,000 for ordinary expenditure.

A dissentient note is struck by the Labour paper "Daily Herald," which not only condemns the policy of introducing a Means Test into the social services under the cover of war, but also condemns the fact that the additional £8,000,000 is not being borne by the Treasury but by contributions from workers and employers.—Reuter.

TO COST £8,000,000

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons, Sir John Simon announced that the Government's concessions for old age pensions would cost just over £8,000,000 a year. The cost will be partly met by another 2d. a week for men and 3d. a week for women.

There is no limit to the amount of the extra pensions but the scale will be based on the needs of pensioners. Spinsters and some wives will be able to draw their pensions at the age of 60, instead of at 65.

There will be an increase of 5/- a week for old people with no other resources; these are the hardest hit by the rise in the cost of living.—Reuter.

ARMoured WARFARE

London, To-day.

French war correspondents attached to the G.H.Q. of the B.E.F. who are at present in England, yesterday paid a visit to a big armoured fighting vehicle school in the Southern Command.

They saw tank instructors and tank gunners being trained to drive and fire both on practice ranges and on the driving ground.

Afterwards, M. Andre Maurois said they were all extraordinarily impressed not only by the magnitude of the effort Great Britain was making but also by the high quality of her material and by the high standard of intelligence among non-commissioned officers and men.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

Among 68 officers and other ranks dead or missing, contained in the latest R.A.F. casualties, is the name of Flight-Sergt. T. D. Dixon, who was "killed on active service."

Dixon was a member of the crew of one of the Vickers-Wellesley long-range aircraft which won the long-distance record for Britain in 1938.

Dixon's machine was forced down on that occasion through lack of petrol, at Koepang, Timor, after covering 6,700 miles, 300 miles above the record.—Reuter.

"Y" LADIES' HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent "Y" Ladies in League hockey matches on Saturday:

1st Team (v C.B.A. on "Y" ground at 3.00 p.m.)—Miss Minot; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw; Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Pocock; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Gardner and Miss Buchanan.
2nd Team (v C.B.A. on C.B.A. ground at 3.00 p.m.)—Mrs. Trimmer; Miss Dunne and Mrs. Greys; Miss Strange; Miss Stokes and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Bicknell, Miss Russell, Miss Bradbury, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Peters.

RUMANIA EXPLAINS OIL DECISION

London, To-day.

The Rumanian official news agency in London has issued the following statement in connection with the reported conflict between the Allies and Rumania on the question of oil supplies to Germany from the latter country:

"Due to the fact that oil and its by-products constitute 82 per cent. of Rumania's total exports, the necessity arose to create a central organisation, with the aim of co-ordinating production and home consumption and export.

"For this reason an Oil Board was created by a law passed on January 15. This law gives the Oil Board power to control development of oil-fields as provided in the past for the oil companies by the Rumanian Mining Act.

"The oil problem and the creation of the new Oil Board are part of the general plan conceived by the Rumanian Government with a view to organising, expanding and co-ordinating national production.

INTERNAL NEEDS

"At the same time a similar Board is being formed with the aim of co-ordinating the mining and metallurgical industry.

"These measures are being dictated solely by the internal needs of Rumania, and should not give reason for apprehension abroad."

It is understood the Rumanian viewpoint is that establishing a new board is similar to appointing a new Ministry of Supply, and is primarily intended to meet the needs of Rumanian defence.—Reuter.

EXPORT LICENCES DIFFICULT RECENTLY

London, To-day.

The setting up in Bucharest of a central organisation with the object of co-ordinating the production, home consumption and export of oil has attracted attention not merely because of the substantial Anglo-French financial interest in certain of Rumania's oil companies, but also in view of the contracts entered into in Rumania for the supply of oil to the Allies.

Regarding this question of supplies, the new development was being watched closely as some difficulty in obtaining export licenses has recently been experienced.

Close contact with the Rumanian authorities is being maintained by the British Minister in Bucharest.

It is, however, believed that the Rumanian Government fully appreciates the British Government's desire to be put in full possession of the facts. It can be stated that all proper steps will be taken to ensure that contracts for the supply of oil to Britain are fulfilled and that excessive supplies are not diverted to Germany as a result of enemy pressure.—British Wireless.

AGREEMENT OPERATIVE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER, ASKED BY MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER AN EXCHANGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION AFFECTING THE MEDITERRANEAN AND NEAR EAST AREAS AS PROVIDED IN THE ANGLO-ITALIAN AGREEMENT HAD TAKEN PLACE, SAID "YES."

The annex to the Anglo-Italian Agreement provides for an exchange of information regarding the movements or distribution of naval, military and air forces in the area specified during the month of January each year.

The exchange of information in military matters has already taken place. That on air and naval matters will be completed before the end of the month.—British Wireless.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

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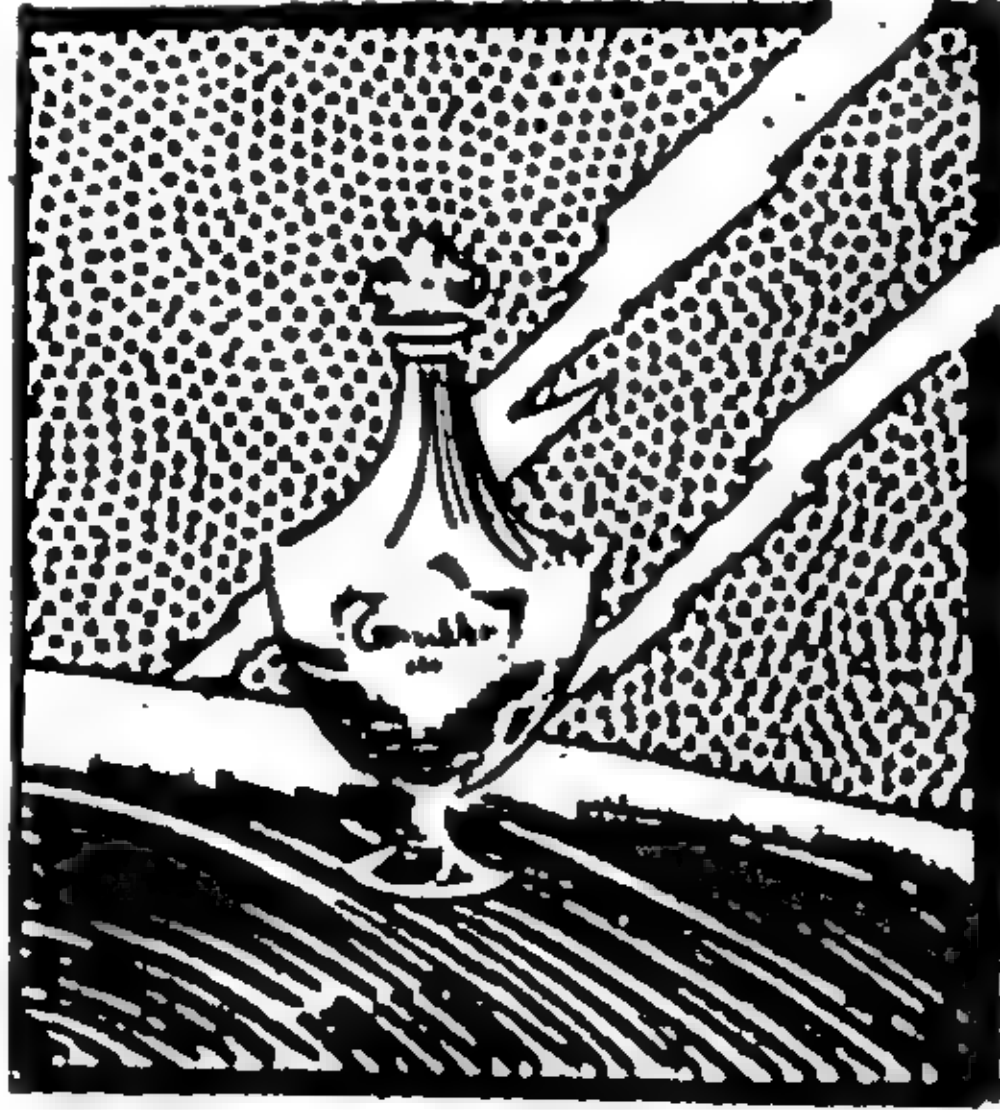
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SUCCESSSES

Jackson Carter, the cashier of a bank at Columbia, Tenn., was found dead in his office one morning many years ago. His skull was crushed and there were signs of a struggle in the room. The door of the bank had been forced and quantities of securities stolen.

It was a year after the event that the president of the bank, hearing of the skill of Allan Pinkerton, called upon the famous detective to solve the murder mystery. The bank official said he found that papers had been burned in the fireplace of the building. Through the charred edges of the paper he deciphered the name of Sam Slocum.

That was all Pinkerton had to work on. Cold clues are as distasteful to a clever detective as cold food is to a discriminating epicure. But by concentrating on Slocum he made a number of discoveries. He found that the suspect and the murdered cashier had been warm friends for years. He also learned that when Slocum was notified of Carter's death he had refused to look at the remains on the ground that his nerves were



certain kind of perfume. It had a very pronounced odor. Slocum, it seems, had often taunted Carter about his bad taste in using it. Pinkerton found a half-filled bottle of the stuff in Carter's room, and then announced he was ready for business.

That day the supposed servants sprinkled Slocum's bed clothing with the perfume. He recognised it at once. His mind went back to his murdered friend and he became frantic from fear and nervousness. That night the Pinkerton aids managed to produce a series of groans in Slocum's bedroom. He arose and dressed and the following morning packed his bag and started for the railroad station.

Obviously he was running away from the haunted house and a town that was filled with memories of the murdered Carter.

Pinkerton, being promptly notified of this move, also made a wild rush for the same train and managed to jump on the rear platform of the last car. He contrived to take a seat behind the fleeing Slocum, and then saturating his handkerchief with the obnoxious perfume, waved it until the odor was wafted toward the suspected man.

An audible groan followed and Slocum could be seen clutching the arm of his seat. Once again Pinkerton sent the perfume out on its mission of disturbing the conscience of the man, and this time Slocum jumped from his seat and dashed to the door of the car. Pinkerton followed in hot pursuit. But he was too late. The tortured one leaped from the moving car into a gully below the tracks. The train was quickly halted and the detective and the conductor and brakeman started in search of the would-be suicide.

They found him in a sad condition. He was evidently at the point of death. Pinkerton knew he had little time to lose. He propped Slocum up and asked him pointblank about the death of Carter. Whether he knew he was talking to a detective is not certain. But he bowed his head understandingly and spoke in quick, broken sentences:

"I know I'm going—justice—I killed Carter—a quarrel—had owed him—made it look like robbery."

The body was taken back to the town from whence the conscience-stricken man had fled. The trainmen made affidavits confirming the confession and another victory was written on the Pinkerton records.

By
GEORGE BARTON

shattered and that he could not stand the strain. Finally he had become a recluse since the murder and could not be induced to leave his home.

Pinkerton was convinced that Slocum was guilty, but he knew that special treatment would be needed to "get the goods" on him. He was mentally debating the question when the familiar quotation, "Conscience makes cowards of us all" flashed into his mind.

He planted two Pinkerton operatives—a man and a woman—as servants in Slocum's house. In the meantime he learned from employees of the bank that Carter was addicted to a

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HANGCHOW
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Kinhwa, To-day.
The Japanese who landed near Siaooshan, opposite Hangchow are pushing eastward.

Fighting is raging at Fengwangshan, west of Fuyang, 20 miles southwest of Hangchow, where a Japanese unit is held at bay.

The invaders started the drive towards Fengwangshan from Fuyang on Saturday. They were hurled back with over 200 dead, but after being reinforced, resumed the attack. — Central News.

NEW U.S.
MINISTER

Ottawa, To-day.
Mr. James Cromwell, the new United States Minister to Canada, arrived in Ottawa on Tuesday.

He was met by members of the U.S. Legation and members of the Canadian Government, including Mr. Mackenzie King, the Premier.

In a statement, Mr. Cromwell said that he was deeply aware of the responsibilities which rested on them all to "preserve and, if possible, strengthen the foundations on which our enduring friendship has been built." — Reuter.

JAP. PLANE SHOT DOWN

Kweilin, To-day.
A Japanese plane was shot down by the Chinese near Pakhol, west Kwangtung coastal port, on Tuesday. All five members of the crew were killed. — Central News.



A pessimist is he who thinks good service has a string tied to it.

AMERICANS
AND FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.
In a letter addressed to the "New York Times," 24 eminent University professors state: "Finland deserves the assistance of all those Americans who have at heart the interests of their country."

The letter concludes by stating that Democracies the world over would be threatened should Russia triumph over the northern Democracies. — Havas.



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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—SONGS by Joseph Schmidt (Tenor).
La Danza (Rossini).
1. Arietella—Neapolitan Song (Biscardi).
Gypsy Love (Lehar).
...with Orchestra accompaniment.
12.40 p.m.—THE ORCHESTRE RAYMONDE.
Polonaise Militaire (Chopin—arr. Walter).
Invitation to the Waltz (Weber—arr. Walter).
Dance of the Merry Mascots (Ketelbey).
By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates).
Chanson D'Amour (Suk).
Orient Express (Mohr).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC by Ambrose and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—All Through The Night (film 'Anything goes'); You're The Top (film 'Anything goes'); I Get A Kick Out Of You (film 'Anything goes'); Anything goes (from the film); Kiss Me Good-night, Sergeant Major; Adolf.

To-day's Wireless

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Novelty Fox-Trot—Knock, Knock, Who's There?
Quickstep—Wood and Ivory.
Fox-Trot—Crazy with Love (from 'This'll make you whistle').
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—VARIETY with Sandy Powell, Betty Driver and The Mills Brothers.
Vocal—The Moon Remembered (film 'Let's be Famous').
Betty Driver with Orch.
Vocal—Asleep in The Deep (Petrie, Lamb); Funiculi Funicula (Denza).
The Mills Brothers (Four boys and a guitar).
Comedian—Sandy Goes To Sea: Part 1—The Stowaway; Part 2—The Shipwreck
...Sandy Powell.

Vocal—The Flat Foot Floogee (Green & Others).
Louis Armstrong & The Mills Brothers.
Vocal—Red Maple Leaves (Kennedy-Gross); What Goes On Here in My Heart (film 'Give me a Sailor').
Betty Driver with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

5.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Children's Hour.
5.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
5.47 p.m.—SONGS by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).
Songs My Mother Taught Me, Op. 55, No. 4 (Dvorak); When I Have Sung My Songs (Charles); Creation's Hymn (Beethoven, Op. 48, No. 4) ... with Piano accomp. by Edwin McArthur.

5.57 p.m.—BEETHOVEN—Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67. Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—VARIETY with The Hodlars, Wilfrid Thomas, Lucienne Boyer, Gloria Grafton and Others.
Accordeons—Old Ship O' Mine (Pelosi-Arden); Song of the Lift (Evans & Others) ... Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.
Harmonica Duets—Italian Favourites (arr. Hodlars); Krontjong, Successen (arr. Hodlars) ... The Hodlars.
Vocal—Si Petite (Bayle and Claret); Sans Toi (Sarvil and Scott) ... Lucienne Boyer with Orchestra.
Two Pianos—Harlem (Eddie Carroll); Roy Club Rag (Harry Roy) ... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins with string bass and drums and Clarinet by Harry Roy.

Vocal—Songs of the Sandman—Intro: The Green-Eyed Dragon; Five Eyes; The Mare and the Foal; Tally Ho! ... Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) with Piano accomp.
Vocal—Nevermore ('Conversation Piece'—Noel Coward) ... Gloria Grafton (Soprano) with Accomp. by Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.
Novelty—A Tea-Time Concert Party (Harrington) ... Wilfrid Thomas, Noreena Feist, Emmie Joyce and Cecil Harrington with Orchestra.

8.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Talk "A Brief History of China Tea" by P. E. Whitham.
9.05 p.m.—PATRICIA ROSSBOROUGH at the Piano.
Queen of Hearts—Selection.
Broadway Hostess—Selection.
Darts and Doubles (Rossborough).

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—SONGS by Gracie Fields (Comedienne).
Erbert 'Emery' Eppelthwaite (Sullivan & Parr-Davies).
When The Robin Sings His Song Again (Parish & Coats).
One Night Of Love (from the film) ... with Orchestral accompaniment.

9.40 p.m.—MUSICAL COMEDY SELECTIONS.
"Glamorous Night"—Selection (Novello)

"Matters of Moment" Talk By Mr. Ronald Cross

...Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra cond. by Charles Prentice.
"New Moon"—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein 2nd & Romberg) ... Light Opera Company cond. by Nathaniel Shilkret.
"Great Day"—Selection (Rose, Ellsco & Youmans) ... Jack Payne & His Dance Orchestra with Vocal Chorus by Jack Payne.
10.05 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trot—An Old-Fashioned Tune Always Is New (film 'Second Fiddle') ... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Beside A Moonlit Stream.
Waltz—Tu-Li-Tulp Time ... Horace Heidt & His Alomite Brigadiers.
Fox-Trots—This May Be The Night (from 'My lucky Star'); I've Got A Date With A Dream (from 'My lucky Star') ... Henry King & His Orchestra.
Tango—Take Your Chance.
Fox-Trot—Vieni...Vieni ... Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.
Quickstep—Good Luck Until We Meet Again: The Daughter of Mademoiselle from Armentieres ... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Waltz—Love Never Grows Old.
Slow Fox-Trot—Bon Voyage, Cherie ... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—When Winter Comes (film 'Second Fiddle'); The Song of the Metronome (film 'Second Fiddle') ... Eddy Duchin & His Orchestra.
Tangos—El Que A Hierro Mata; Siempre Unidos ... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Slow Fox-Trot—One Life.
Quickstep—I Go For That (film 'St. Louis Blues') ... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Matters of Moment". Talk by the Head of Economic Warfare.
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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In the play of notrump hands timing is the most important factor. This matter of timing is equally as important to the defending players, for it is necessary for them to establish enough tricks to defeat the contract before the Declarer can take in his quota. Here is a case where the defence slipped up in their timing.

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
♠ 8 3
♥ 6 2
♦ A K J 10 9
♣ K 7 5 4
♠ Q J 10 7
♥ Q 10 5
♦ 8 7 6 4 3
♣ —
♠ A 6 4
♥ K J 9 3
♦ Q
♣ Q J 10 6 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
3♠ Pass 3NT Pass

West opened the Queen of spades. East signalled with the ace and South naturally played low. West led a second spade. East played the King and again Declarer refused to win the trick. A third spade was played. South won with the Ace and then knocked out East's Ace of clubs. Now East undressed his Ace of hearts, but Declarer in desperation went up with his King, and when it held, won all the remaining tricks. Proper defence would have set the contract. After winning the second

trick East should have shifted to a low heart. It was obvious that South held the spade Ace. Therefore West's remaining spades would be useless unless he held a re-entry. If by some remote chance West held the heart King, the contract would be set several tricks by establishing the spade suit. But (as was the case) if West held the heart Queen, a shift to hearts would set up two tricks before Declarer had established his club suit. Purely a matter of timing.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maler's partner and held:

♠ x x
♥ Q x x x
♦ A Q x
♣ J x x x

The bidding:
Maler Burnstone You Schenken
2♣ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct response is three clubs. You are interested in getting quite a way with this hand. As the first step show your trump support. The diamond Ace will be shown later.

Score 100% for three clubs, 40% for three notrump (this crowds the bidding and at the same time makes it hard to show the true nature of your hand), 0 for two diamonds (when we bid a suit immediately over partner's two-bid, we are showing that suit—not the Ace.)

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♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q J x

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CRICKET

H.A. BARROS AND IRANEE HEAD JUNIOR AVERAGES

(By "ADREM")

THERE HAS BEEN little high scoring in Junior Division of the Cricket League as yet but in view of the few matches so far played, averages are fairly high.

Easily first is H. A. Barros, of Recreio, who has passed the half-century twice in three innings, and was once undefeated. He is also the first batsman to top the century aggregate mark.

Highest score thus far has been G. Ainslie's 86 against Royal Air Force.

The qualification for the bowling averages has been made rather high and so the list of qualifiers is small.

B. R. Iranee, the Craigengower captain, by virtue of his 4 for 21 against K. C. C. last week, has the best average, but G. E. Taylor and J. E. Noronha have the greatest number of wickets.

SECOND DIVISION

BATTING

(Qualification—2 inns. av. of 15 and over)

| | N. | O. | R. | H.S. | Av. |
|----------------------------|----|----|-----|------|-------|
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| G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.) | 2 | 0 | 87 | 86 | 43.00 |
| R. Baldwin (K.C.C.) | 2 | 1 | 42 | 23* | 42.00 |
| Maj. Swyers (Army) | 2 | 1 | 40 | 27* | 40.00 |
| Capt. Whatman (Army) | 2 | 0 | 73 | 50 | 36.50 |
| H. M. Xavier (Rec.) | 3 | 1 | 71 | 58* | 35.50 |
| G. A. Guterres (Rec.) | 2 | 1 | 35 | 24* | 35.00 |
| Capt. Lawrence (Army) | 2 | 0 | 58 | 29 | 27.50 |
| W. L. Clarke (P.R.C.) | 2 | 0 | 53 | 35 | 26.50 |
| F. J. Lay (K.C.C.) | 3 | 0 | 77 | 44 | 25.66 |
| T. T. Chin (Univ.) | 2 | 0 | 47 | 44 | 23.50 |
| R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.) | 2 | 0 | 45 | 26 | 22.50 |
| V. C. Bond (C.S.C.C.) | 2 | 0 | 45 | 24 | 22.50 |
| W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.) | 3 | 0 | 64 | 41 | 21.33 |
| T. Locke (C.C.C.) | 2 | 1 | 19 | 19 | 19.00 |
| A. Hung (C.C.C.) | 2 | 0 | 38 | 25 | 18.00 |
| E. Curtis (K.C.C.) | 3 | 1 | 35 | 24* | 17.50 |
| C. Pope (P.R.C.) | 2 | 0 | 34 | 27 | 17.00 |
| H. Danbrowsky (P.R.C.) | 2 | 0 | 34 | 34 | 17.00 |
| N. Broadbridge (C.C.C.) | 2 | 1 | 17 | 16 | 17.00 |
| A. V. Gosano (Rec.) | 2 | 0 | 33 | 17 | 16.50 |
| G. Stone (C.S.C.C.) | 2 | 0 | 35 | 33 | 16.50 |

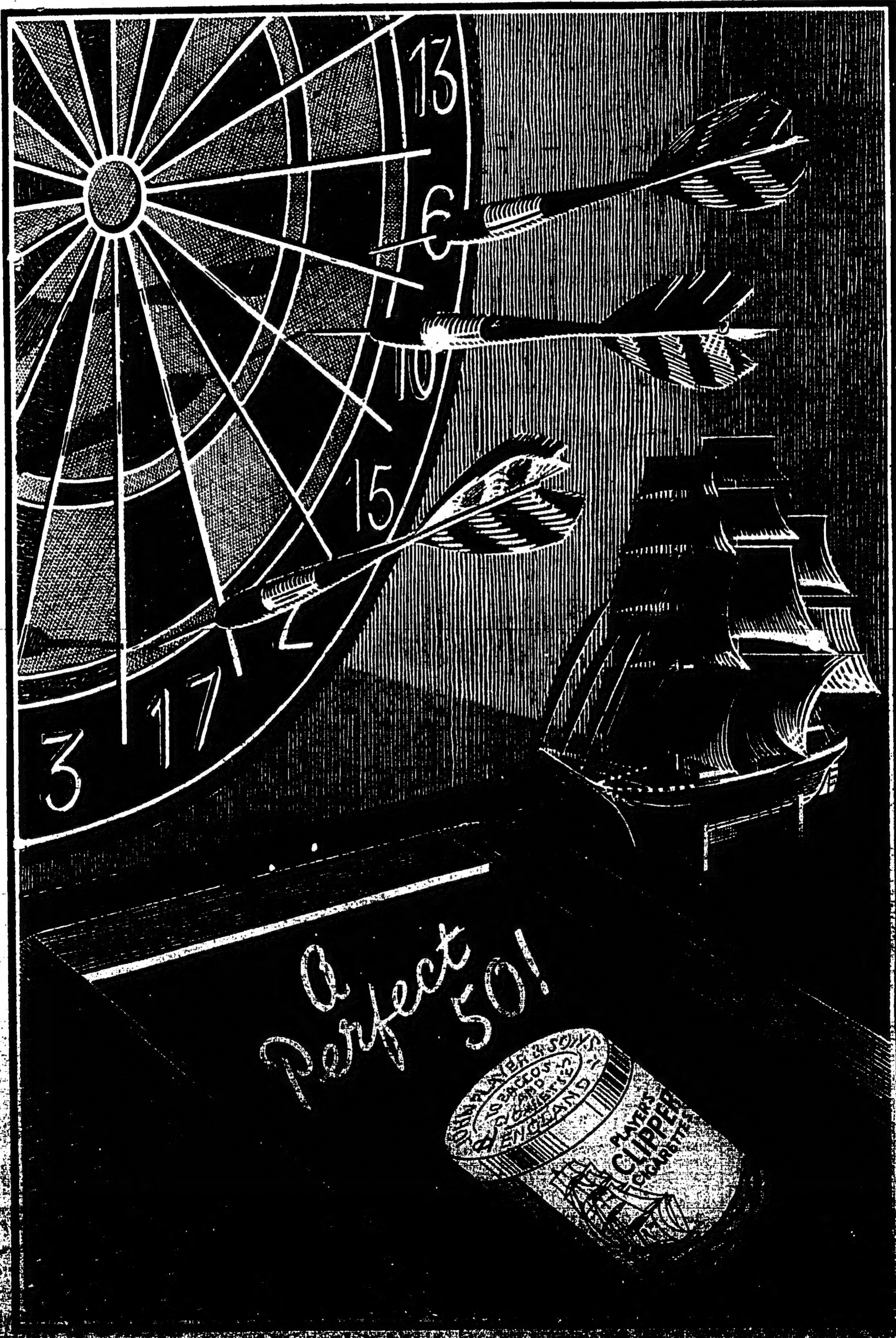
HOCKEY CLUB VICTORY

The Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI beat the 12th Heavy Regt., R. A. in a friendly hockey match played at King's Park yesterday by two goals to nil. S. A. Fowler and T. Whitley scored for the winners.

BOWLING

(Qualification—Two matches, five wickets; average 15 or under)

| | O. | M. | R. | W. | Av. |
|-----------------------|------|----|----|----|-------|
| B. R. Iranee (C.C.C.) | 12 | 1 | 29 | 6 | 4.83 |
| J. E. Noronha (Rec.) | 14.3 | 2 | 49 | 9 | 5.44 |
| G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.) | 17.6 | 1 | 65 | 10 | 6.50 |
| G. A. Guterres (Rec.) | 18 | 2 | 59 | 8 | 7.38 |
| Lt. Peal (Army) | 6 | 0 | 42 | 5 | 8.40 |
| E. Curtis (K.C.C.) | 21.2 | 4 | 73 | 6 | 12.17 |



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A recent news film depicting and commenting (a) on the return to England from Germany of Nazi-sympathiser Unity Freeman-Mitford, and (b) the resignation of Mr. Hore-Belisha, led to an interesting debate in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Denman asked the House to approve a motion that the careful censorship of news films in wartime was a necessity.

Lord Denman said that to magnify the return of Miss Mitford into a matter of national importance was absurd, and to pour ridicule on her return, as was done in the film commentary, was unfair and ungenerous.

He added that the newscast made an error of judgment in saying that the public resented Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

NOT COLONEL BLIMPS!

While fully recognising Mr. Hore-Belisha's abilities he reminded the House that there was a British Army before Mr. Hore-Belisha became War Minister, and the officers were not a set of reactionary Colonel Blimps!

The Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, replying for the Government, agreed that as an example of sadistic brutality the Unity Mitford film would be hard to beat. It was deplorable.

Lord Dufferin said there was nothing in the film about Mr. Hore-Belisha which could be taken as against public policy, and asked if

NATHAN RD. MARAUDER CAUGHT

CONFESSING AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD IN THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS COMMITTED A SERIES OF BURGLARIES IN THE SHAMSHUIPO DISTRICT, PARTICULARLY IN NATHAN ROAD, BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET, CHAN SAM, 24, WAS TO-DAY SENTENCED TO NINE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

Accused's wife, charged with receiving, and an alleged accomplice, Cheung Bun, 39, were discharged owing to insufficient evidence, but Yuen Hon-chung, 18, charged with being an accomplice in burglary, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. A. Shaw said accused is believed to have been working under instructions from another person, who was not in custody. Since January, accused had been engaged in burglary almost every other night in Nathan Road.

there was anything more blatant or more propaganda in the film than anything which had appeared in the popular press during that time.

"We must be logical in these matters and we cannot differentiate between these two methods of diffusing news."

GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION Lord Strabolgi said the Government, through the Ministry of Information, was keeping the newspapers so short of news that journalists were glad of any story they could write up and make interesting.

Lord Denman's motion was withdrawn.—Reuter.

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London, To-day.

The "Daily Mail" Cairo correspondent says the Governments of Iraq and Afghanistan are reported to have proposed to Iraq that the Saadabad non-aggression pact between those powers and Turkey be converted into a military alliance in order to form a united front in case of a Soviet threat. It is understood Iraq is favourable and is sending delegates to Istanbul to negotiate.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

According to Washington despatches, it is learned that further commercial relations between America and Japan depend entirely on Japanese actions in the Far East.

Only one day before the expiry of the old commercial treaty there is still not the slightest indication of any new treaty, and it is considered likely that the present situation will drag on for some time.—Reuter.

\$1,600 INVOLVED

Tso Ping, 47, tallyman, and Chau Po-chak, 40, were before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with attempting to obtain \$1,600 from the National City Bank by false pretences.

It was alleged that defendants went to the Bank on Tuesday, pretending that one of them was Lau lu-pui, entitled to collect the \$1,600.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for Lau lu-pui.

Defendants pleaded not guilty. Hearing was fixed for January 30, and defendants were allowed bail of \$1,000 each.

Det. Sergt. Cullinan is in charge of the case.

DEATH

O'BRIEN — On Thursday, 26th January, 1940, at 3.50 a.m. at Sham-mee, Canton, John H. O'Brien at the age of 37 years. Arrangements are being made for his burial in Hong Kong, which will be notified later. (Japan, Manila, Shanghai and New York papers please copy).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. J. A. Tarrant and Bertha Cecilia sincerely thank all friends for their generous help, expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, and attendance at the funeral of Cecilia Tarrant, who passed away suddenly in the evening of 23rd January, 1940.

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE YUGO-SLAV DESTROYER LJUBLJANA SANK AFTER STRIKING A REEF WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER SEBENICO DURING A VIOLENT STORM YESTERDAY. IT IS FEARED THERE IS A HEAVY CASUALTY LIST.—REUTER.

New York, To-day.

"Because Stalin chose war I am convinced that the invasion of Finland will mark the beginning of the end of the Bolshevik dictatorship in Russia," writes the ex-Russian Premier, Alexander Kerensky, in a letter to the "New York Post."

M. Kerensky adds that in the present conflict with Finland there is no doubt that revision of the Russo-Finnish frontiers could have been achieved by an amicable understanding.—Reuter.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

A Japanese plane made a forced landing in Sai Tsun Village near Pakhol on Tuesday afternoon owing to engine trouble. The machine was one of the five which flew over Pakhol into the interior.

When approached by Chinese village guards the Japanese aviators fired on them. The Chinese replied with the result that all five Japanese airmen were killed.—Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai, To-day.

Rivers in the interior are reported to be frozen over owing to the intense cold. A large number of dead bodies were picked up in the streets last night and this morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

Bucharest, To-day.

An authorised statement denies that the new Petroleum Control implies Rumania's intention to favour Germany. Rationalisation of the oil industry is necessary because production is falling. Moreover, difficulties have occurred this winter in ensuring the supply of oil products to certain regions in Rumania. It is understood that in the present dangerous international situation Rumania herself is anxious to accumulate stocks of oil.—Reuter.

San Francisco, To-day.

The N.Y.K. Line announce that they are no longer accepting as passengers any Germans subject to military duty. The company's order will prevent the stranded Columbus crew from crossing the Pacific on any of its ships.—Reuter.

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